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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

Barry J Powell Reserve occupies almost 10Ha of land, and is located on Halton Road, Noble Park North.

The land use that surrounds the immediate reserve is Residential (NRZ1). To the west of Jacksons Road is a large commercial employment zone (C2Z). Approximately 600 metres east of the reserve is East link. The Princes Highway is approximately 900 metres south of the reserve.

The City of Greater Dandenong's Open Space Strategy 2009 identifies Barry Powell Reserve as a district park that provides multi use sports and community facilities that will meet the long-term requirements of the broader community.

District Parks are large sized open spaces, individually designed, which provide opportunities for a range of activities, comprising both passive and active recreation, and organised and informal play.

Barry J Powell Reserve is also classified as a Sports Reserve, catering for mainly organised (club based) sports with a broad catchment of users. Sports reserves may contain a variety of sporting facilities and associated infrastructure which are generally used and managed for organised sports. Barry J Powell Reserve provides facilities and spaces for club-based cricket, football and tennis.

The vision for Barry Powell Reserve is that it shall be a district, multi-purpose park that provides for a broad range of passive and active recreational pursuits, that is well utilised and meets the needs of Noble Park's growing population and diverse community profile. It will be recognised as a high quality park with an emphasis on design excellence in terms of landscape, recreational provision and flexibility of use and built form.

Barry J Powell Reserve is at a point in time, where a master plan is required to lead the future direction of the reserve.

The location of Barry J Powell Reserve is indicated in Figure 1.

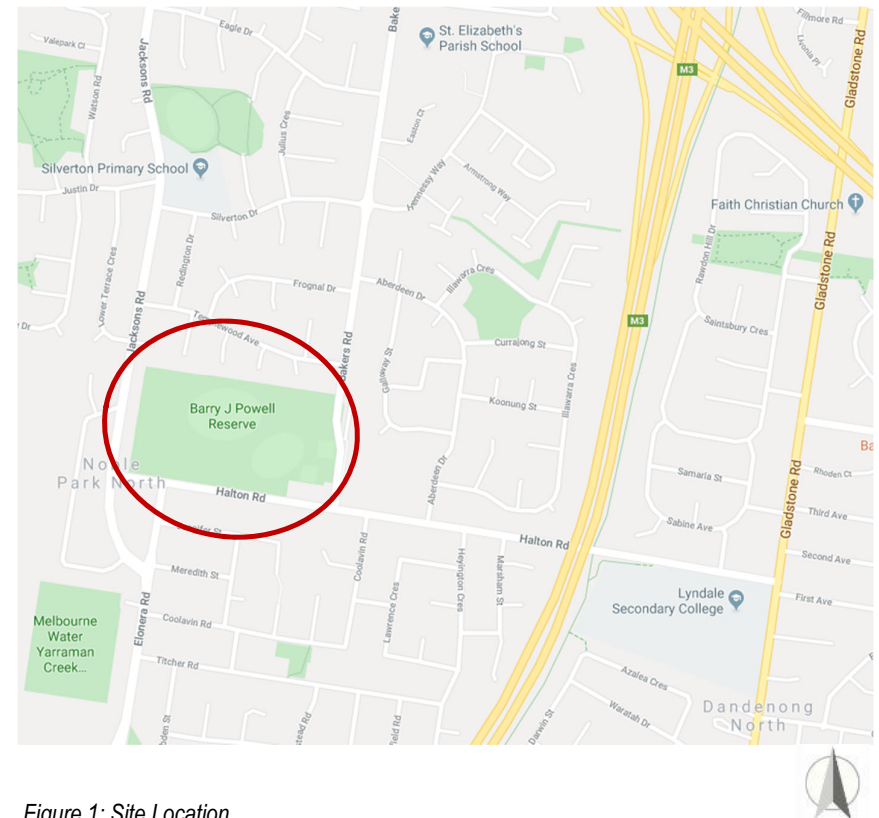


Figure 1: Site Location

1.2 PROCESS

The preparation of the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan has taken the following approach:

Stage 1 Project Inception

- Inception meeting.
- Confirmation of consultation approach.
- Preparation of project plan.
- Site inspection with Council officers.
- Review of background reports.

Stage 2 Background Preparation

Stage 3 Site Analysis / Master Plan Directions

- Access and circulation review.
- Building review.
- Flooding and hydrology review.
- Landscape assessment.

Stage 4 Community and Stakeholder Consultation: Phase 1

- Meetings with tenant clubs.
- Pop-up event in the park.
- 'Our Say' on-line engagement forum to allow response from community members and stakeholder groups.
- Report on findings of meetings and survey responses.

Stage 5 Preliminary Master Plan Development

Stage 6 Draft Master Plan

Stage 7 Community and Stakeholder Consultation: Phase 2

- Display of draft master plan.
- 'Our Say' on-line engagement forum to allow responses from community members and stakeholder groups.
- Report on findings of meetings and survey responses.

Stage 8 Final Master Plan and Summary Report

- Refinement of draft master plan and recommendations following Council review.
- Preparation of project costs and implementation plan.
- Production of summary document outlining process and outcomes.



Existing southern playground



Existing eastern picnic area



Existing second field shelter

2. STRATEGIC and PLANNING CONTEXT

A review of relevant legislation, policies and strategic plans was undertaken in order to understand the strategic role of Barry J Powell Reserve.

2.1 COUNCIL STRATEGIES

2.1.1 Council Plan 2017-21 (Revised 2018)

The Council Plan outlines the actions that Council will oversee during this four-year timeframe, incorporating six strategic objectives grouped under three key areas:

PEOPLE:	A healthy, active and safe community A city that celebrates its diversity with pride
PLACE:	An environmentally sustainable city A city planned for the future
OPPORTUNITY:	A thriving and resilient economy A proactive council that listens and leads

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Council Plan makes a priority of promoting physical activity, leisure and recreation amongst the community of the City of Greater Dandenong*

2.1.2 Activate Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2014-2019

The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy has the vision of building

“... active, healthy and successful communities in the City of Greater Dandenong through increased participation in sport and recreation and the provision of well planned, accessible, affordable and sustainable facilities.”

The strategy outlines strategic directions under a number of key themes including:

- ***Maintaining access to outdoor sporting facilities.***
- ***Providing informal recreation opportunities.***
- ***Supporting structured sporting opportunities and club viability.***

The directions will be achieved through a range of strategic actions including infrastructure upgrades, programming and improved management.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy places a strong emphasis upon encouraging the continued use and enhancement of active sports facilities, such as those at Barry J Powell Reserve, to encourage broad participation in physical activity.*

2.1.3 Open Space Strategy 2009

The *Open Space Strategy 2009* maps out how, over the 20 years, the City of Greater Dandenong will achieve a quality public park and reserve network to meet the recreational and social needs of the existing and future Greater Dandenong community.

The goal of the strategy is to:

- ***provide a range of public parks and reserves within walking distance from most residents that are attractive, interesting, safe, readily accessible and comfortable places to be***
- ***provide a comprehensive open space network that delivers environmental, social, health and well-being, and economic benefits to the community***

The strategy outlines a three tiered hierarchy of district, neighbourhood and local reserves and establishes Open Space Provision Goals and Park Development Standards. Together these guide the planning, design, management, and ongoing maintenance of open space.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Open Space Strategy makes no specific recommendations which will impact the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan but defines Barry J Powell Reserve as a “District” park. The strategy notes that “District Parks are large sized open spaces, individually designed, which provide opportunities for a range of activities, comprising both passive and active recreation, and organised and informal play.” It also indicates that “District Parks may serve as Neighbourhood and Local Parks for surrounding residents, where they meet the minimum amenity and facility requirements for these types of parks”*

2.1.4 Playground Strategy and Action Plan 2013 – 2023

The Playground Strategy and Action Plan 2013 sets out a long term plan to achieve a comprehensive playground network that meets the current and future recreational needs of Greater Dandenong residents over the next 20 years.

It provides clear design guidelines to improve design standards, around play value, accessibility, integration within the park, artwork integration, community safety and environmental considerations. The Playground Development Action Plan outlines the priority number for each playground's upgrade.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Strategy notes the following in relation to the existing Barry J Powell Reserve Playground:*

"The playground was installed in 2003 and currently only meets a neighbourhood standard.....the design and redevelopment of the playground to a district level facility should be considered as part of the park master planning process."

2.1.5 Dog Off-Leash Strategy 2019

The Dog Off-Leash Strategy 2019 sets out a reasonable and equitable approach to satisfy the needs of dog owners in public spaces whilst acknowledging the growing recreational needs of other park users.

The Dog Off-Leash Strategy is closely aligned with Council's *Domestic Animal Management Plan (2017-2020)*.

Council's *Open Space Strategy (2009)* is also relevant and seeks to:

- Provide a range of public parks and reserves within walking distance from most residents that are attractive, interesting, safe readily accessible and comfortable places to be.
- Provide a comprehensive open space network that delivers environmental, social, health and wellbeing, and economic benefits to the community.

The key strategic objectives developed to guide the strategy are:

- To balance the needs and wishes of dog owners with the needs of the community for accessible and safe parks.
- To expand the number of dog off leash areas and ensure a more equitable distribution across the city.
- To minimize potential conflicts between dog off leash areas and other park activities.
- To incorporate community views and preferences regarding the management and control of dogs in public places.
- To encourage greater compliance with local laws through education and information.

The key outcomes of the Strategy relevant to this master plan are:

- **Improve and expand the dog off-leash network across Greater Dandenong;**
- **Increase accessibility to off leash areas for all residents;**
- **Categorise dog off leash areas based on their suitability for small, medium and large sized dogs and promote this widely;**
- **Promote and educate the community on Council's off leash rules; and**
- **Provision for adequate ongoing capital funding for the establishment and ongoing operation of dog off-leash areas.**

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Strategy notes the following:
Barry Powell Reserve is considered a 'Large' Dog Off Leash area at 11,150m²*

Maintain Barry Powell Dog Off leash area and provide ongoing maintenance and enforcement patrols.

Fencing is not always necessary and should be used as a last resort.

Areas where there is no existing use conflict (e.g. playgrounds or main roads) or areas that have natural depressions or other boundaries (such as existing neighbouring fencing) are better options to additional fencing.

2.1.6 Sport and Active Recreation Participation Study 2019

The importance of sport and active recreation is recognised by the City of Greater Dandenong for its vital role in improving health and wellbeing, encouraging social interaction and creating healthier and more inclusive communities.

The 2019 Sport and Active Recreation Participation Study has been developed to provide a comprehensive understanding of participation trends in Greater Dandenong, to help Council and key stakeholders develop strategies to minimise barriers and increase participation in sport and recreation activities.

The Consultation Outcomes Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the top ten most popular sport and active recreation activities in Greater Dandenong.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

- *The Strategy notes the following, which may influence activity provision at the reserve:*

“The 2015 Sport and Active Recreation Participation Study found that 50% of respondents did not engage in the recommended 30 minutes of physical activity on most days of the week, and 54% spent less than 2.5 hours participating in moderate intensive physical activity per week.

This low level of physical activity is consistent with the findings of the Victorian Population Health Survey (Greater Dandenong Modelling 2013) which found residents in Greater Dandenong (aged 18 years and over) had lower levels of physical activity than the State average. More specifically, this study found that 34.7% of Greater Dandenong residents did not meet the recommended levels of participation in physical activity, compared to the State average of 24.4%.”

2.1.7 Sports Facilities Plan 2018

The Sports Facilities Plan 2018 has been undertaken to guide the planning and strategic delivery of new and improved sporting facilities throughout the City of Greater Dandenong.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:
Implementation Priorities

- *Pavilion redevelopment* *Medium*

2.1.8 Tennis Plan 2015

The Tennis Plan 2015 provides a snapshot of the existing situation with respect to tennis in the City of Greater Dandenong and provides a forward approach as to how Council will develop and manage facilities in the future to ensure facilities are sustainable in the long term.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

The Tennis Plan records the number of courts at Barry Powell Reserve, noting that all four courts are non-cushioned acrylic hardcourts with lighting, but makes no specific recommendations.

2.1.9 Make Your Move Discussion Paper 2020-2030

The discussion paper has been prepared to advise and frame the development of the ‘*Make Your Move Physical Activity Strategy 2020-30*’. Its purpose is to explore Council’s future role in supporting physical activity outcomes for the City’s community.

The CGD has a long term commitment to providing physical activity opportunities for those who live, work, study or visit the municipality.

Participating in regular physical activity and limiting the time we are sedentary has significant health and social benefits.

There are many opportunities to be physically active every day and our social, environmental and cultural context are important determinants of our physical activity levels.

In Greater Dandenong physical activity levels are low and health and wellbeing indicators are very poor when compared with other communities in Australia and Victoria. This is driven by multiple factors, but most particularly the high levels of cultural diversity and the high levels of social disadvantage in the community.

Participation trends indicate people are choosing unstructured physical activity ahead of organised sport. Increasingly, governments are focussing on the concept of encouraging people to be physically active rather than traditional notions of sport and recreation.

The top four sport and recreation activities in CGD were non organised activities (consistent with national trends):

- walking
- gym / group fitness / fitness
- swimming
- running

Challenges and barriers to participation in physical activity included:

- lack of access to appropriate or quality infrastructure, including
 - quality of facilities
 - lack of appropriate facilities e.g. female friendly change , disability access
 - lack of active sporting infrastructure e.g. lights, grounds
 - poor management of facilities
 - grounds or equipment not available for informal use
 - cleanliness of facilities
 - lack of or quality of cycling and/or walking paths
 - adequate lighting on paths or in parks
- time
- marketing / promotion / awareness
- affordability
- participant safety
 - perceived safety impacts associated with injuries, health concerns or anti-social behaviour on the sporting field, OR
 - perception of safety or fear of something negative occurring such as walking through a park at night with little or no lighting.

Considerations for the Barry J Powell Reserve Master Plan:

Opportunities to increase or sustain participation in physical activity include:

- *Programming opportunities allowing for informal or casual use of sports fields and/or infrastructure*
 - *Infrastructure opportunities including amenity improvements in open space, Inclusion of informal recreation infrastructure in reserves, provision of adequate sporting infrastructure e.g. lights, female friendly change*
 - *Provision of physical activity opportunities*
- Public open space and sports facilities should be designed within the context of a strategy for multifunctional open space*
- *Design of sporting pavilions must give careful ,consideration to how buildings will support use by many stakeholders, including use for activities other than formal sport*

2.1.10 Other Council Strategies and Plans

A number of other Council Strategies and plans that have influenced the development of the Barry J Powell Reserve master plan include:

- Multi-purpose Use of Community Facilities Policy
- Sports Ground Flood lighting Policy 2015
- Sports Pavilion Management Policy 2017
- Community Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021
- Walking Strategy 2015-2023
- Cycling Strategy 2017-2024

2.2 CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG PLANNING SCHEME

Barry J Powell Reserve is subject to the requirements of the zones and overlays outlined in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. Refer to Figure 2: Zoning.

2.2.1 Zoning

Barry J Powell Reserve is zoned PPRZ.

Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ)

PPRZ recognises areas of public land that are designated as public recreation and open space, and encourages enhancement of the subject land in support of appropriate recreation uses and activities. It also seeks to protect and conserve areas of significance and provide for commercial areas where appropriate.

Under the zone a permit is required to:

- Construct a building or construct or carry out works. This does not apply to:
 - Pathways, trails, seating, picnic tables, drinking taps, shelters, barbeques, rubbish bins, security lighting, irrigation, drainage or underground infrastructure.
 - Playground equipment or sporting equipment, provided these facilities do not occupy more than 10 square metres of parkland.
 - Navigational beacons and aids.
 - Planting or landscaping.
 - Fencing that is 1 metre or less in height above ground level.
 - A building or works shown in an incorporated plan which applies to the land.
 - A building or works carried out by or on behalf of a public land manager or Parks Victoria under the Local Government Act 1989, the Reference Areas Act 1978, the National Parks Act 1975, the Fisheries Act 1995, the Wildlife Act 1975, the Forest Act 1958, the Water Industry Act 1994, the Water Act 1989, the Marine Act 1988, the Port of Melbourne Authority Act 1958 or the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978.

- Subdivide land.

2.2.2 Overlays

Barry J Powell Reserve is not the subject of any overlays within the planning scheme.

Issues and Opportunities: Implications for the master plan

- The planning context contained within the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme creates no specific limitations upon park works, other than works which may require a planning permit under the PPRZ.

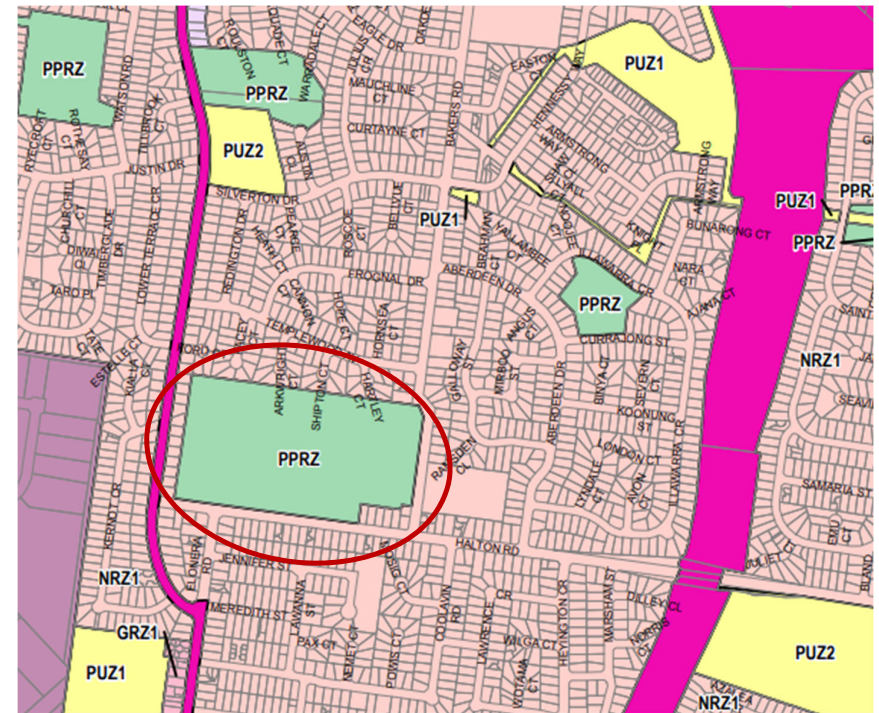


Figure 2: Zoning

3. THE SITE

The overall Barry J Powell Reserve site and a number of its key features are highlighted on Figure 3 - Site Plan. The detailed features and elements of the site are described below under the following headings:

- Access, Circulation and Parking
- Buildings
- Sports Activities and Areas
- Landscape and Passive Recreation Areas



Figure 3: Site Plan

3.1 ACCESS, CIRCULATION and PARKING

Vehicle access and particularly parking demand associated with Barry J Powell Reserve were reviewed by One Mile Grid traffic engineers. The key findings of the review of access and parking are outlined below.

- Barry J Powell Reserve is located in Noble Park North, approximately 600m west of Eastlink
 - Access to Barry J Powell Reserve from the surrounding arterial road network is via Jacksons Road, from either Police Road or Princes Highway.
 - Vehicle access to Barry J Powell Reserve is provided via two independent entry and exit access points connecting an on-site car park to Halton Road, as outlined on Figure 4 and below:
 - Entry only access point to Halton Road facilitating a single-entry lane restricted by a vehicle control point in the form of a boom gate;
 - Exit only access point to Halton Road, facilitating two exit lanes comprising separate left-turn and right-turn lanes. Each lane is controlled by individual boom gates and road spikes to prevent vehicles from entering via Halton Road.
- While this access point has a boom gate, this gate is not used.
- Car parking within and around Barry J Powell Reserve comprises one formal car park area within the reserve (accessed from Halton Road), indented parking on Halton Road and parallel parking on Bakers Road.

Parking within the reserve car park and on Halton Road is unrestricted, and is restricted to 1 hour on Bakers Road.

The location of the formal car park is indicated on Figure 3 and a summary of car parking spaces and demand is outlined below:

	On Site Car Park	Halton Street Indented Parking	Bakers Road Parking	TOTAL
Formal Parking Spaces	132	47	17	196

Table 1: Formal Parking Provision

	TOTAL
Summer Peak	138
Winter Peak	186

Table 2: Parking Demand

- Formal vehicle access to the Jan Wilson Community Centre is provided for occasional kitchen deliveries. This access is visually dominant and isolates the Centre from its immediate park context.
 - It is shown that public transport in the area is limited to bus services, with the following bus routes servicing the immediate vicinity of the site:
 - 814 – Springvale South - Dandenong via Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, Springvale; and
 - 848 – Dandenong - Brandon Park Shopping Centre via Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre.
- Additionally, the site is located approximately 600 metres to the west of the Eastlink Trail, however there is a lack of bicycle facilities providing connectivity to the trail.
- The only formed paths within Barry J Powell Reserve are short linkages between the Halton Road car park and the existing playground and the car park and the existing sports pavilion, as outlined on figure 3:

Access, circulation and parking: Implications for the master plan:

Issues / weaknesses

- While the site is easily accessible from Halton Road, the location and function of the car park access and egress points are not clearly identified and are easily missed;
- There is a lack of strong pedestrian paths through the reserve;
- Delivery vehicle access to the Jan Wilson Centre is dominant and divisive.

Strengths / opportunities

- Capacity for parking to cater for key sporting events appears sufficient;
- The reserve is large enough to provide an enhanced pedestrian circulation system for the benefit of regular reserve users.



Figure 4: Circulation



Main car park



Halton Road parking



Main car park exit onto Halton Road

3.2 BUILDINGS

There are four main buildings located at Barry J Powell Reserve:

- Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion (football, cricket)
- Jan Wilson Community Centre
- Heritage Tennis Club
- Grounds maintenance shed (minor building)

The Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion and the Jan Wilson Community Centre were reviewed as to their present condition and suitability for purpose. The Heritage Tennis Club building was not reviewed as the club was considered at that time to be non-functioning.

A consultation meeting was also held on site on 27th November 2018, to provide representatives of both tenant sporting clubs utilising the Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion the opportunity to discuss issues associated with the current building.

A summary of findings is outlined below, with a more detailed outline of the consultation provided in the Engagement Findings report in Appendix B:

Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion

The Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion is home to the Lyndale Cricket Club and the Lyndale Football Netball Club. It is an older style brown brick building, with low pitched roof. The building sits in an elevated position above the south-eastern pocket of the main oval. It is likely to date from the mid-1970s. There is tiered concrete seating on the north side, facing the football oval

Issues:

- Toilet and change facilities are not compliant with current DDA and Australian Standard requirements.
- The facility does not meet AFL/Cricket Australia minimum standard for community facility design, particularly lacking unisex facilities and storage.
- The range of spaces and facilities does not comply with the current AFL Community Facility Guidelines. Social spaces are particularly small considering the building footprint
- The building does not provide compliant all abilities access.
- The building form and orientation does not currently address the second oval, to the east of the pavilion.

- There is a lack of at-grade storage for the covers, bowling machine, and other equipment used by the Lyndale Cricket Club (ideally to be co-located with the practice nets)
- While the pavilion terracing provides an overview of the entire oval, there is a lack of shade and bench seats.
- The building has poor functional layout.
- Recent upgrades of the pavilion bar have not been completed.
- There is poor provision for secure internal storage
- There is a lack of effective heating and cooling.
- Access by cricket and football players and umpires to the oval requires them to walk from behind the pavilion

Opportunities:

- The replacement of the existing pavilion would allow for a new facility complying with relevant AFL and Cricket Australia guidelines, as well as DDA and Australian Standard requirements.
- A new pavilion could be located to address both ovals.

Jan Wilson Community Centre

The Jan Wilson Centre is a prominent facility with a range of community uses. It has had recent upgrades to its kitchen and foyer areas. The building is suitable for its primary uses, and does not need upgrading to perform these functions.

Grounds maintenance shed

This a painted brick shed with a single roller door.

Issues:

- The small size of the shed is potentially problematic should the maintenance requirements of the reserve increase.
- The shed is remotely located from convenient vehicle access and parking.
- The shed is remote from the main pavilion.

Opportunities:

- Demolish & co-locate a new facility with an upgraded pavilion.

Buildings: Implications for the master plan:

Issues / weaknesses

- The Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion does not meet current SSA or DDA / Australian Standard requirements;
- The Barry J Powell Reserve Pavilion is poorly oriented to the second oval and to a potential netball court location;
- The existing maintenance shed is isolated and lacks formal access.

Strengths / opportunities

- The existing Jan Wilson Community Centre is a well-used facility in good condition, with the potential to be better integrated with its parkland setting.



Figure 5: Buildings



Barry J Powell Reserve pavilion



Tennis club rooms



Jan Wilson Community Centre

3.3 SPORTS ACTIVITIES and AREAS

The club based sporting user groups at Barry J Powell Reserve are:

- Lyndale Football Netball Club
- Lyndale Cricket Club
- Melbourne Eagles Cricket Club
- Heritage Tennis Club

Sports Activities

Usage of Barry J Powell Reserve by each of the clubs is summarised below:

Lyndale Football Netball Club

The Club has 3 senior football teams (seniors, reserves, women's), but has not had junior football teams since the early 2000's. The Club also has 2 netball teams. All teams compete in the Southern Football Netball League.

The Club commenced occupancy at Barry J Powell Reserve in 1986, and the reserve is the Club's headquarters and training base.

The Club uses the reserve for football training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with women beginning at 6.00pm and men from 6.30pm. Matches are played on Saturday for men and Sunday for women. The Club uses the main ground during the season, and the second oval for pre-season training only.

Netballers train at Gloria Pyke Netball Complex at Greaves Reserve in Dandenong, and play matches at Springvale Districts Netball Complex (Dingley) on Saturday.

Lyndale Cricket Club

The Club has 98 members, a small decline since 2014, when it had 111 members. This has equated to the loss of 1 junior team, while seniors have increased by 1 team during this period. The Club fields 5 senior teams and 3 junior teams, and also runs an introductory program. The Club has a strong history of involvement by indigenous players, but has no history of female playing involvement (although there was 1 girl in the introductory program during the 2018 / 2019 season).

Barry J Powell Reserve is the Club's headquarters and training base.

The Club uses the reserve for training on Monday and Wednesday nights for juniors, and Tuesday and Thursday nights for seniors. Matches are played on Friday evenings (for under 11s) and Saturday morning and afternoons for other juniors and seniors. Both ovals are used,

Melbourne Eagles Cricket Club

The Club did not respond to requests for information, but uses the second oval for 1 team playing in the Harmony in Cricket Association.

Heritage Tennis Club

Heritage Tennis Club effectively ceased operation as a functioning club during the 2016/17 season, but has since begun entering junior teams in Saturday morning competition under the coordination of Excel Tennis Coaching. The club has since merged with Lois Twohig Tennis Club.

Excel Tennis use the Barry Powell Reserve courts for coaching on Tuesday – Friday evenings, and competition is held at the courts on Saturday mornings 8.00am – 12.00pm. Currently, four teams are playing in competition tennis under the Heritage Tennis Club name.

The clubroom is currently used when coaching is scheduled at the courts, on Saturdays during competition, and during tennis-based holiday programs held at the courts (conducted by Excel Tennis staff).

Ovals

Barry J Powell Reserve contains two football / cricket fields.

The main field has Australian Rules Football goals and a four cricket pitch turf table.

The second field also has Australian Rules Football goals and a synthetic cricket pitch.

Key characteristics of the main field:

- Aligned in an east-west orientation
- Approximate playing surface dimensions of approximately 155m x 112m (excluding run-off areas)
- The field is fenced
- 4 pitch turf table
- Australian Rules Football goals
- The entire field has irrigation
- Includes lighting however is not compliant with current Australian Standards for sports lighting for training (100lux), the current LUX level is under 100lux. The City of Greater Dandenong Sports Facilities Plan – Implementation Plan 2018 identifies the upgrade of lighting as a medium priority.

Key characteristics of the second field:

- Aligned in a north-east – south-west orientation
- Approximate playing surface dimensions of 112 x 87m (excluding run-off areas)
- The field is unfenced
- Single synthetic cricket pitch
- Australian Rules Football goals
- The field has no formal drainage, irrigation or lighting.

In addition to the two fields; Barry J Powell Reserve has a three pitch cricket practice facility which runs of the main field. This is a relatively new facility having been constructed in 2017.

Tennis courts

Barry J Powell Reserve includes four acrylic surface courts. The courts are surrounded by a perimeter 2400mm high chain mesh fence. Two of the courts are in reasonable condition, while two are in poor condition.

Sports Areas and Activities: Implications for the master plan

Issues / Weaknesses

- There are no netball facilities provided at the reserve to allow for combined training nights of the Lyndale Football Netball club.
- There are no female change facilities to support female participation at the reserve.
- The main oval is smaller than the preferred oval size nominated in the 'AFL Facility Guidelines'.
- The site topography limits the capacity to enlarge the ovals or to create strong physical connections between the sports fields and with the pavilion.
- The two southern tennis courts are in poor condition.

Strengths / Opportunities:

- Both sports fields are of adequate size to support senior community level cricket.
- The two northern courts are in good condition and there is an opportunity to open these up to informal or casual community use.
- Investigate a suitable location for one or two hard courts for use by the netball club and the community.



Figure 6: Sports Areas



Main oval



Second oval



Tennis Courts

3.4

PASSIVE RECREATION and LANDSCAPE AREAS

- **Passive recreation areas and facilities** include:

- Southern Playspace

The southern playspace is located between the Barry J Powell Reserve pavilion and the main Halton Road car park. It was installed in 2003 and is classified as “neighbourhood level”. It is in reasonable condition and is well used but is open and exposed, lacking shade and shelter.

As noted earlier in this report, the City of Greater Dandenong Play Strategy recommends that the upgrading of the playground be considered as part of the development of the master plan for the reserve, providing a more diverse range of play activity.

As a district playground, activity should be provided for a comprehensive range of age groups i.e. 0-4, 5-10, 11-15, 16 + etc. As a district playground it should also provide for a range of play experiences, offering complexity and challenge, social play opportunities and creative play through the use of natural and sensory materials.

- Northern Playspace

The northern playspace is located close to Bakers Road, to the north of the tennis courts. It is a small playground, classified as “local level” provision, consisting of a single deck and post play structure and a double set of swings.

As noted earlier in this report, the City of Greater Dandenong Play Strategy recommends the removal of this playground in favour of the upgrade of the southern playground to a district level facility.

- Barbecue / picnic facilities

The reserve provides three picnic tables (two beneath a picnic shelter) and one barbecue in the eastern part of the reserve.

Each of the tables associated with picnic shelters is in good condition while the barbecue is an older facility. The eastern picnic and barbecue facilities have been

located independently of each other. While these facilities are in support of the existing playground, they are quite old and are only in reasonable condition.

- Dog-Off-Leash area

As noted in the City of Greater Dandenong Dog Off-Leash Strategy, a designated Dog-Off-Leash area has been located to the west of the main oval. This space is not currently fenced, however the topography helps to delineate the space.

There are no facilities, such as water or seating to support the dog off leash area.

- Seats

Seating opportunities are limited across the reserve, apart from the picnic tables noted above. Where they occur, seats are generally located individually and so do not encourage group social interaction.

- **Landscape areas**

The overriding landscape character of Barry J. Powell Reserve is of open grassed spaces with scattered trees, in a mix of formal and informal plantations. The overall tree canopy formed by these plantations is minimal.

Within the general landscape character, specific points of note include:

- A small area of protected native vegetation, including trees, shrubs and ground level spaces, to the east of the main oval;
- Large planted eucalypts along the Halton Road boundary, providing a strong visual edge to the reserve;
- Established planted eucalypts to the part of the perimeter of the main oval;
- Established lineal planting of eucalypts along the western and norther edges of the designated Dog Off-Leash area, which, while appearing visually out of context, provides some tree canopy in this otherwise open area.

Implications for the master plan**Issues / Weaknesses**

- The limited park infrastructure across the reserve limits the opportunity for larger family or community groups to use the reserve for social gatherings. Examples of such infrastructure includes seats, shelters, barbecues etc.
- There is limited provision for informal active recreation, such as social basketball or exercise / fitness within the reserve.
- The southern play space has a limited play diversity and age offer. There is limited natural shade.
- The northern play space has limited play diversity and age offer. There is limited natural shade
- The existing dog off leash area has no park facilities such as seating and water, and limited natural shade.
- There is a general lack of mature tree planting and general park facilities such as seating throughout the reserve.

Strengths / opportunities

- There is opportunity to enhance the general landscape of the reserve through additional tree planting to provide shade, character and identity, and to contribute to biodiversity.
- There is opportunity to build upon the existing areas of native vegetation as a landscape and biodiversity element and provide visual interest to the reserve.
- The southern play space is well located for access from the car park and is well used during match day. There is an opportunity to enhance the play offer and investigate suitable locations for a larger play space on the reserve.
- Enhanced opportunities for passive recreation should be provided, in line with the objectives of City of Greater Dandenong strategic documents. This would include opportunities for playgrounds, informal play and exercise, walking, seating, group socialising, picnicking and so on.
- There is an opportunity to further formalise the Dog Off leash area, particularly through fencing and amenities such as shelters, water and seating.



Figure 7: Passive Recreation Areas



Southern Playspace



Northern Playspace



Dog-off-leash area

4. STAKEHOLDER and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder and community engagement has informed and guided the development of the master plan for Barry J. Powell Reserve, and has occurred at two key points within the master plan development process:

Phase 1

Following initial site and background review, to inform the identification of the issues and opportunities expressed above.

Phase 2

Following the development of a draft master plan intended to address the identified issues and opportunities.

The stakeholder and community engagement has involved the following meetings and activities:

Phase 1: Issues and Opportunities

- Meeting with resident clubs at Barry J. Powell Reserve Pavilion on 27th November 2018, to discussed issues and opportunities associated with existing facilities and spaces;
- Community Pop-up / Drop-in event at the reserve on 23rd February 2019 to discuss issues and opportunities, and aspirations, for the reserve;
- Online Survey to confirm issues, opportunities and aspirations, from 21st January 2019 to 1st March 2019.

Phase 2: Draft Master Plan

- Community Pop-up / Drop-in event on 17th August 2019 to review and discuss the draft master plan for the reserve;
- Online Survey to provide feedback on the draft master plan, from 12th August 2019 to 8th September 2019

A full outline of the stakeholder and community engagement process and outcomes is appended to this report (Appendix A). Key outcomes are summarised below:

Phase 1 Engagement: Issues and Opportunities

Key themes arising from discussion with tenant clubs included:

- The overall topography of Barry J Powell Reserve will make it difficult (and costly) to rectify the two key functional constraints for sustainable sport:

- The need for a compliant pavilion
- Enlarging the No. 2 oval to a full AFL dimension

- Any new/ upgraded pavilion should allow for the following minimum outcomes:

Compliance with the preferred facility standards of AFL Victoria and Cricket Victoria for senior football and cricket clubs, including female friendly facilities

- Primary orientation to the main oval, but with access/ address to the No. 2 oval
- Direct access to the main oval from the pavilion for players and umpires
- At-grade storage facilities with direct access to the main oval
- Improved undercover spectator areas

- Investigate options to widen the No. 2 oval

- Investigate options to provide at least one training standard netball court, but assess possibilities to future-proof the reserve for any increase in the popularity of netball by planning for two courts

- Retain at least one tennis court as a community accessible court (two courts would be optimal), with an adjoining shelter and seating (no clubroom required)

Key feedback from the broader community, received through on-line survey, attendance at pop-up event or general email submission, is summarised below:

- **Playground upgrades:** It is important to park visitors that the playgrounds be all weather. There is support for the playgrounds to be upgraded, and perhaps themed, e.g. nature play. Play spaces should be expanded and upgraded to attract all ages, and should provide shade and seating for the play area users and family members.
- **Sport and spectator facilities:** Some sport facilities are in need of upgrades. In particular, the toilets and the sheltered areas for spectators should be improved. Users also support the installation of lighting at the tennis courts and an increase in court space for basketball and netball.
- **Dog off-leash facilities:** Participants support fencing of the existing dog-off-leash area, and the installation of waste bags and bins.
- **Walking infrastructure:** Informal walking/cycling recreation is important at the Reserve. Park visitors would like to see improvements to infrastructure to support this, including a designated circuit with drinking fountains, shade, and exercise stations.
- **Outdoor gym:** A number of participants suggested that outdoor gym equipment would be appropriate at the park, perhaps near the Jan Wilson Community Centre.
- **Vegetation / tree planting:** Visitors would like to see the Reserve's vegetation enhanced. According to participants, tree planting would provide shade and serve as windbreaks, as well as improve the general environment of the park.
- **Social infrastructure:** Other suggestions for upgrades generally refer to seating, toilets, shade, and BBQs to support social recreation.

Phase 2 Engagement: Draft Master Plan

Key feedback and themes in response to the draft master plan, received through on-line survey, attendance at the pop-up event or general email submission are summarised below.

- **General support:** The majority of survey participants stated that they support the Draft Master Plan. Comments from the pop-up session also expressed general support for the Plan. Community members appear enthusiastic about the prospect of an upgraded Barry Powell Reserve, in particular the pavilion.
- **Feedback on playground upgrades:** Phase 2 participants responded to two different Options for the Reserve. Each offered different locations and scales for a play space at the Reserve. The first proposed a larger, District-level playground with more diverse play options in the open space adjacent to Jan Wilson Centre, while the second proposed an updated playground of a similar scale to the existing one, located between the car park and the second sporting oval. Overall, Option 1 received more support from the community. While some participants suggested that Option 2 allowed better surveillance of the playground from other spaces around the Reserve, including the oval, there is a preference for the larger District-level play space adjacent to the Jan Wilson Centre.
- **Public toilets:** There is demand for publicly-accessible toilet facilities to be incorporated into the pavilion redevelopment.
- **Dog off-leash suggestions:** There is some demand for a dog-off leash area at the Reserve. Fencing around the area is preferred.
- **Support for additional vegetation:** This was a key focus in Phase 2 submissions. Respondents support greater vegetation at the reserve, in particular native vegetation. There is interest in extending the forest glade to the southeast area of the Reserve.
- **Sport and recreation suggestions:** There is support for an increase in sport and recreation facilities at the Reserve, including the full-size soccer pitch, a full netball/basketball court, portable goal storage, and outdoor gym equipment.
- **Additional suggestions:** Phase 2 participants also made a range of suggestions for additions or minor changes to the Draft Master Plan, including additional walking paths and seating, and improved lighting.

5. MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the comments received on the draft master plan (summarised above and outlined in Appendix A), the final master plan was developed. The final plan is illustrated in Figure 8.

The key recommendations as described on the master plan are outlined below:

Sports Facilities

1. Retain existing sports field at existing dimension, but install new electronic scoreboard to replace existing.
2. Upgrade second oval to provide for a full size soccer pitch (105 x 68m) and a 50m radius playing field for cricket.
3. Construct one netball court as a training facility, along with a second multi-use court.
4. Construct new pavilion to meet standards required by the AFL for community clubs; facilities for other sporting codes; community facilities and grounds maintenance facilities; and externally accessible public toilets. The building should provide an interface and connection to all adjoining sporting precincts.
5. Retain two tennis courts for community use, implement a "Book a Court" system and demolish two remaining courts.
6. Retain existing cricket nets at the same size.
7. Existing grounds maintenance shed to be removed.

Community Spaces

8. Replace existing northern playground with nature play space within the existing informal parkland area. Incorporate the nature play space into a community facility with picnic facilities and shade.
9. Provide an outdoor gym facility and potential bouldering wall.
10. Enhance existing protected vegetation area within informal parkland with an environmental focus. Provide additional planting and some seating to create a resting point.
11. Retain dog off leash area as a fenced space, provide additional tree planting for natural shade, and install seating and shelter.
12. Create a spill out area / event space associated with the Jan Wilson Community Centre with tree planting for the provision of natural shade; upgrade forecourt space; retain the existing enclosed play space for community centre programmes.
13. Relocate and upgrade the existing playground to meet space benchmarks for a district level reserve (approx. 1300m²). Provide exercise equipment; and community facilities such as shade, seating and a drinking fountain.
14. Develop an active forecourt for the new pavilion with community facilities such as shade, seating and a drinking fountain for spectators on game days or for gatherings at other times.
15. Develop an informal lawn space between the second oval and the pavilion forecourt with tree planting and some community facilities.

16. Develop seating terraces to view main oval, with shelters to provide weather protection.
17. Provide planted terraces adjacent to the reconfigured second oval to moderate the gradient and provide amenity between the circulation path and the oval.
18. Allow for future kindergarten expansion into former tennis court space, and create a lawn resting place in the short term with tree planting and seating.
19. Provide public toilets through the following sequential process:
 - In the short term, investigate re-opening the public toilet facility within the existing Sports Pavilion, until the proposed district playground (item 13) is constructed;
 - Once the new playground is constructed, investigate demand for a stand-alone double cubicle facility near the playground;
 - Incorporate an externally accessible public toilet facility into the future Sports Pavilion.

Pedestrian Circulation

20. Investigate the provision of a designated crossing of Halton Road.
21. Create a network of pedestrian paths throughout the reserve to connect the various facilities and provide a walking circuit with distance markers. Consider lighting the path network.
22. Provide new pedestrian access and an enhanced entry from Halton Road, connecting to the proposed pedestrian trail networks and the proposed district play space.
23. Provide formal pedestrian connections across the Halton Road car park, with associated trees and low level planting for amenity.
24. Retain and connect into existing footpath on Halton Road.

Vehicle Circulation and Parking

25. Reconfigure and extend car park, providing ingress and egress at either end to improve circulation. Provide new ramped access for deliveries to Jan Wilson Community Centre to enhance connection between the centre and the adjoining parkland. Retain existing ambulance access to Jan Wilson CC. Provide planted kerb outstands at raised pedestrian crossing points and at entry to the deliveries ramp to try to moderate driver behaviour.
26. Remove existing service vehicle route, provide new pedestrian access and create a stronger connection between Jan Wilson CC and the park.
27. Construct a new car park on the site of the existing tennis pavilion for kindergarten staff.

Landscape Enhancement

28. Provide general landscape upgrade and tree planting across the reserve.



LEGEND

- EXISTING TREE TO BE RETAINED
- PROPOSED CANOPY TREE - AVENUE TREE
- PROPOSED CANOPY TREE - RESERVE TREE
- 2.5m WIDTH PEDESTRIAN PATH
- FEATURE PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT / FORECOURT
- PROVIDE FENCING WHERE REQUIRED AROUND OVALS FOR SAFETY
- SEATING TERRACES
- PLANTED TERRACES
- ROADWAY / CAR PARK
- EXISTING PLAY SPACE TO BE RETAINED
- PROPOSED LARGE DISTRICT LEVEL PLAY SPACE
- PROPOSED NATURE PLAY SPACE
- PROPOSED OUTDOOR GYM
- PROPOSED MULTI - PURPOSE HARD COURT
- PROPOSED GARDEN BED
- PROPOSED LAWN
- PROPOSED SHELTER
- PROPOSED PICNIC SETTING
- EXISTING CONTOUR
- PROPOSED CONTOUR

Sports Facilities

- 1 Existing sports field to be retained. Install electronic scoreboard.
- 2 Upgrade second oval to provide for a full size soccer pitch (105 x 68m) and a 50m radius playing field for cricket.
- 3 Construct one netball court as a training facility and a second court / multi use hard court.
- 4 Upgrade pavilion to meet standards required by the AFL for community clubs, facilities for other sporting codes, community facilities and grounds maintenance facilities. A three level building will provide an interface to all sporting precincts. An externally located public toilet will be provided in the building.
- 5 Retain two tennis courts for community use, implement a 'Book a Court' system and demolish two remaining courts.
- 6 Retain existing cricket nets at the same size.
- 7 Existing grounds maintenance shed to be removed.

Community Spaces

- 8 Replace playground to nature play themed playground within the existing informal parkland area. Incorporate into picnic facilities and shade associated with the tennis courts.
- 9 Provide an outdoor gym facility and bouldering wall.
- 10 Existing informal parkland with an environmental focus. Provide additional planting and some seating to create a pause point.
- 11 Retain dog off leash area as a fenced space, provide seating and additional tree planting for natural shade.
- 12 Create a spill out area / event space associated with the Jan Wilson Community Centre with tree planting for the provision of natural shade. Upgrade forecourt space. Retain the existing enclosed play space for community centre programmes.
- 13 Relocate and upgrade the playground to meet benchmarks for a district level playground (approx. 1300m²). Playground is to be fenced. Provide exercise equipment. Provide facilities such as shade, seating and a drinking fountain.
- 14 Forecourt space with shade, seating and a drinking fountain for spectators on game day or for gatherings at other times.
- 15 Informal lawn space with tree planting and some picnic and barbecue facilities.
- 16 Seating terraces to view northern oval. Shelters provide weather protection.
- 17 Planted terraces ameliorate the grades between the circulation path and the proposed reconfigured oval.
- 18 Potential for kindergarten expansion. Create a grassed area as a pause point in the short term.
- 19 Investigate the feasibility of a public toilet associated with the playground.



Pedestrian Circulation

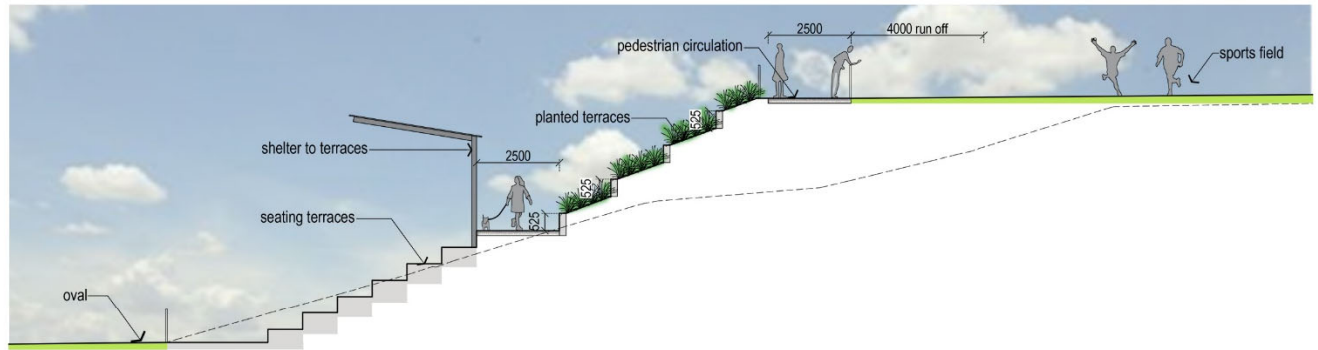
- 20 Proposed pedestrian crossing point.
- 21 Create a network of 2.5m wide pedestrian paths throughout the reserve to connect the various facilities and provide a walking circuit with distance markers. Consider lighting the path network.
- 22 Provide pedestrian access and an enhanced entry from Halton Road.
- 23 Formalise pedestrian connections through the car park with the provision of 'green connections'.
- 24 Existing pedestrian footpath.

Car Parking / Vehicular Circulation

- 25 Reconfigure and enlarge car park with ingress and egress at either end to improve circulation. Provide ramped access for deliveries to Jan Wilson Community Centre. Retain ambulance access to Jan Wilson Community Centre. Provide planted kerb outstands at raised pedestrian crossing points and at entry to the deliveries ramp to try to mitigate hoon behaviour.
- 26 Remove existing service vehicle route, provide new pedestrian access and create a stronger connection between Jan Wilson Community Centre and the park.
- 27 Construct a new car park on the site of the existing tennis pavilion to provide for access to the kindergarten.

General Landscape

- 28 General landscape upgrades and tree planting across the reserve.



NOTE: Tree planting and proposed activity uses are subject to detailed design. For the purposes of this master plan they are indicative only.

MASTER PLAN

Barry J Powell Reserve Noble Park North
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Figure 8: Master Plan

6. IMPLEMENTATION COSTS and PRIORITIES

Recommendations outlined above which have a works component are prioritised below, along with an indication of potential cost. In each case, where appropriate, costs include assumed design fees and other costs associated with developing the plan to implementation stage.

Priorities assume the following timeframes:

High Priority: Year 2019/20 – 2022/23

Medium Priority: Year 2023/24 – 2025/26

Low Priority: Year 2026/27 – 2029/30

RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	OPINION OF PROBABLE COST
Sports Facilities		
1. Install new electronic scoreboard to replace existing	Low	\$ 30,000
2. Upgrade second oval to provide for a full size soccer pitch (105 x 68m) and a 50m radius playing field for cricket		
- Design	High	\$ 80,000
- Sports ground upgrade	Medium	\$ 930,000
- Lights and fencing	Low	\$ 190,000
3. Construct one netball court as a training facility, along with a second multi-use court.		
- Design	High	\$ 50,000
- Netball court construction	High	\$ 250,000
- Multi-use court construction	Low	\$ 300,000
4. Construct new pavilion to meet standards required by the AFL for community clubs, facilities for other sporting codes, community facilities and grounds maintenance facilities.		
- Concept design	Medium	\$ 80,000
- Detailed design / documentation	Medium	\$ 150,000
- Construction	Low	\$ 5,770,000
5. Retain two tennis courts for community use, implement a "Book a Court" system and demolish two remaining courts		
- Design	High	\$ 10,000
- Demolition / remediation of courts	Medium	\$ 32,000
6. Retain existing cricket nets at the same size.	-	-
7. Existing grounds maintenance shed to be removed.	Medium	6,000

Community Spaces		
8. Replace existing northern playground with nature play space within the existing informal parkland area.	High	\$ 50,000
- Design	Medium	\$ 310,000
- Construction		
9. Provide an outdoor gym facility and potential bouldering wall.	High	\$ 18,000
- Design	Medium	\$ 110,000
- Construction stage 1 (outdoor gym)	Low	\$ 40,000
- Construction stage 2 (bouldering wall)		
10. Enhance existing protected vegetation area within informal parkland with an environmental focus. Provide additional planting and some seating to create a resting point	Medium	\$ 36,000
11. Retain dog off leash area as a fenced space, provide additional tree planting for natural shade, and install seating and shelter	High	\$ 120,000
12. Create a spill out area / event space associated with the Jan Wilson Community Centre with tree planting for the provision of natural shade; upgrade forecourt space; retain the existing enclosed play space.	High	\$ 96,000
13. Relocate and upgrade the existing playground to meet space benchmarks for a district level reserve (approx. 1300m'). Provide exercise equipment; and community facilities such as shade, seating and a drinking fountain.		
- Concept design	High	\$ 40,000
- Detailed design / documentation	High	\$ 90,000
- Construction Stage 1	High	\$ 1,000,000
- Construction Stage 2	Low	\$ 240,000
14. Develop an active forecourt for the new pavilion with community facilities such as shade, seating and a drinking fountain for spectators on game days or for gatherings at other times.	Low	\$ 720,000
15. Develop an informal lawn space between the second oval and the pavilion forecourt with tree planting and some community facilities.		
- Design	High	\$ 24,000
- Construction	Low	\$ 120,000
16. Develop seating terraces to view main oval, with shelters to provide weather protection.		
- Design	Medium	\$ 80,000
- Construction	Low	\$ 520,000
17. Provide planted terraces adjacent to the reconfigured second oval to moderate the gradient and provide amenity between the circulation path and the oval.	Low	\$ 360,000
18. Allow for future kindergarten expansion into former tennis court space, and create a treed lawn space in the short term.	Medium	\$ 42,000
19. Allow for provision of a stand-alone double cubicle public toilet facility near the new district playground.	High	\$ 200,000

Pedestrian Circulation		
20. Investigate the provision of a designated crossing of Halton Road.	Medium	\$ 48,000
21. Create a network of pedestrian paths throughout the reserve to connect the various facilities and provide a walking circuit with distance markers. Consider lighting the path network.		
- Design	High	\$ 54,000
- Construction stage 1	Medium	\$ 737,000
- Construction stage 2	Low	\$ 789,000
22. Provide new pedestrian access and an enhanced entry from Halton Road, connecting to the proposed pedestrian trail networks and the proposed district play space.	High	\$ 30,000
23. Provide formal pedestrian connections across the Halton Road car park, with associated trees and low level planting for amenity.	Medium	\$ 55,000
24. Retain and connect into existing footpath on Halton Road	Medium	\$ 6,000
Vehicle Circulation and Parking		
25. Reconfigure and extend car park, providing ingress and egress at either end to improve circulation. Provide new ramped access for deliveries to Jan Wilson Community Centre to enhance connection between the centre and the adjoining parkland. Retain existing ambulance access to Jan Wilson CC. Provide planted kerb outstands at raised pedestrian crossing points.		
- Design	High	\$ 30,000
- Construction	Low	\$ 246,000
26. Remove existing vehicle route, provide new pedestrian access and create a stronger connection between Jan Wilson CC and the park.	Low	\$ 150,000
27. Construct a new car park on the site of the existing tennis pavilion for kindergarten staff.		
- Design	High	\$ 20,000
- Construction	Medium	\$ 120,000
Landscape Enhancement		
28. Provide general landscape upgrade and tree planting across the reserve.	Ongoing	\$ 200,000
TOTAL 10 YEAR INVESTMENT		\$14,589,000

APPENDICES

- Appendix A Traffic Report
- Appendix B Community Engagement Report

APPENDIX A TRAFFIC REPORT

12 February 2020

Land Design Partnership Pty Ltd

Via email: lindsayf@landdesign.com.au

Attention: Lindsay Fraser

Barry J Powell Reserve

Transport Impact Assessment

Dear Lindsay,

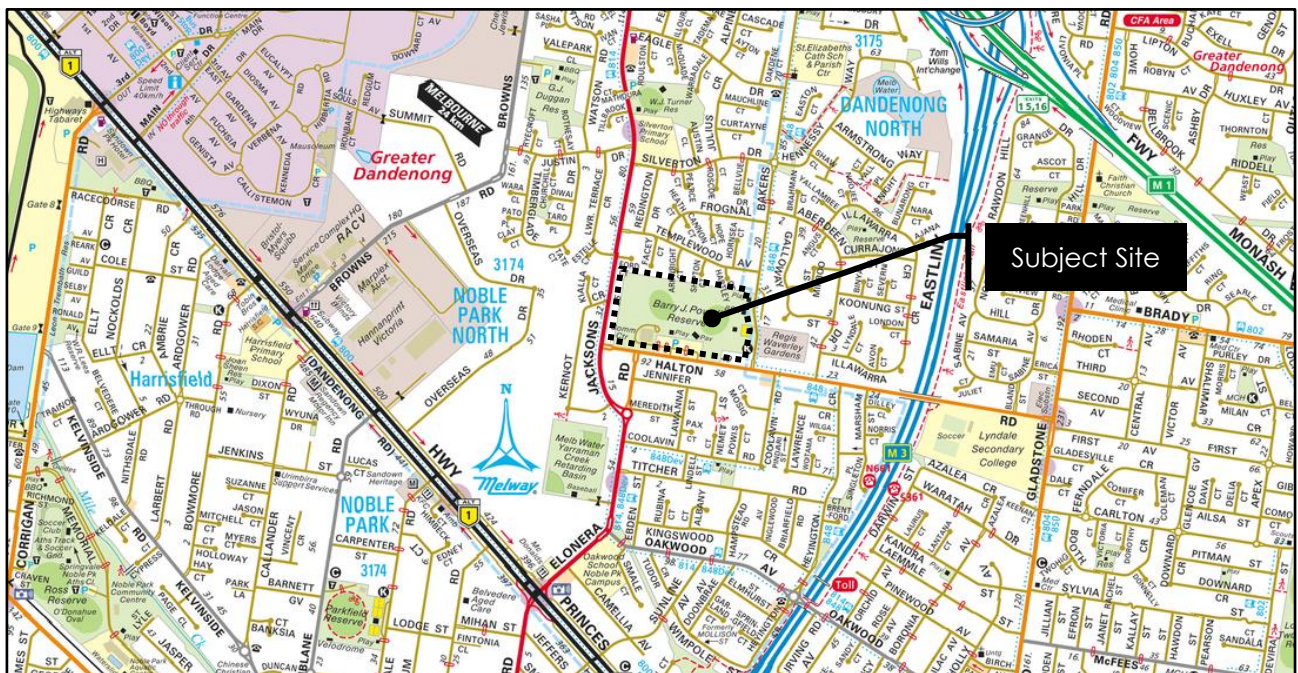
Introduction

onemilegrid has been requested by Land Design Partnership Pty Ltd to undertake a Transport Impact Assessment to accompany the master plan for Barry J Powell Reserve.

Existing Conditions

Barry J Powell Reserve is located on the northern side of Halton Road between Jacksons Road and Bakers Road, as shown in Figure 1, and is addressed as Barry J Powell Reserve.

Figure 1 Site Location



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The overall reserve is irregular in shape with a frontage to Halton Road of approximately 340 metres along the southern boundary and a side abuttal to Bakers Road of approximately 230 metres along the eastern boundary, whilst being bound by residential dwellings along the northern and western boundaries.

Barry J Powell Reserve is 9.6 hectares in area and comprises two sports ovals, tennis courts, practice cricket nets and the Jan Wilson Community Centre. Additional community facilities provided within the reserve includes playgrounds, picnic and BBQ facilities and a dog off-leash area. The northernmost sports oval is the home of the Lyndale Cricket and Football Club and is provided with a spectators pavilion along the southern wing of the oval. The Jan Wilson Community Centre is located within the southwest corner of the reserve, which provides a community hall available for hire and runs a range of programs such as fitness classes, kids play activities, and senior citizen activities.

An aerial view of the Barry J Powell Reserve layout is shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 Barry J Powell Reserve Layout (Friday 12th October 2018)



Existing Vehicle Access and Car Parking

Vehicle access to Barry J Powell Reserve is provided via two independent entry and exit access points connecting an on-site car park to Halton Road, as summarised in Figure 3 and below:

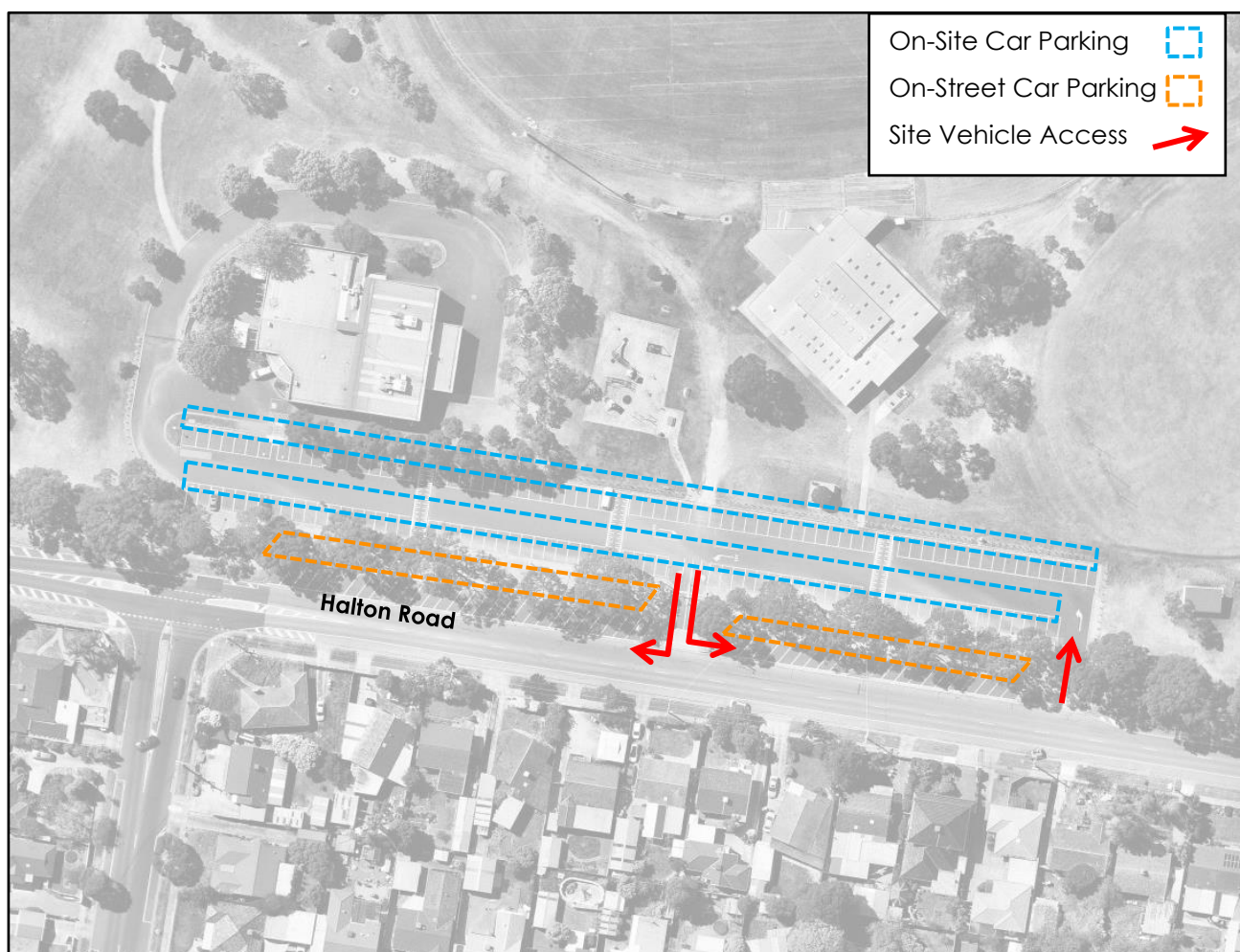
- Entry only access point to Halton Road facilitating a single-entry lane restricted by a vehicle control point in the form of a boom gate; and
- Exit only access point to Halton Road, facilitating two exit lanes comprising separate left-turn and right-turn lanes. Each lane is controlled by individual boom gates and road spikes to prevent vehicles from entering via Halton Road.

A total of 132 car spaces are provided within the on-site car park. All car parking on-site is unrestricted in nature. Furthermore, 60-degree indented on-street parking is provided along the northern side of Halton Road the frontage to the reserve, comprising 47 unrestricted spaces, whilst 17 on-street car parking spaces are provided on Bakers Road along the site's frontage. The provision of car parking is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Total Car Parking Provision

Area	Car Parking Spaces
On-site	132 spaces
Halton Road	47 spaces
Bakers Road	17 spaces
Total	196 spaces

Figure 3 Aerial Photo of Vehicle Access and Car Parking – Barry J Powell Reserve



Furthermore, the existing access to Barry J Powell Reserve to the surrounding arterial road network is shown in Figure 4 below.

Figure 4 Barry J Powell Reserve Access to Arterial Road Network

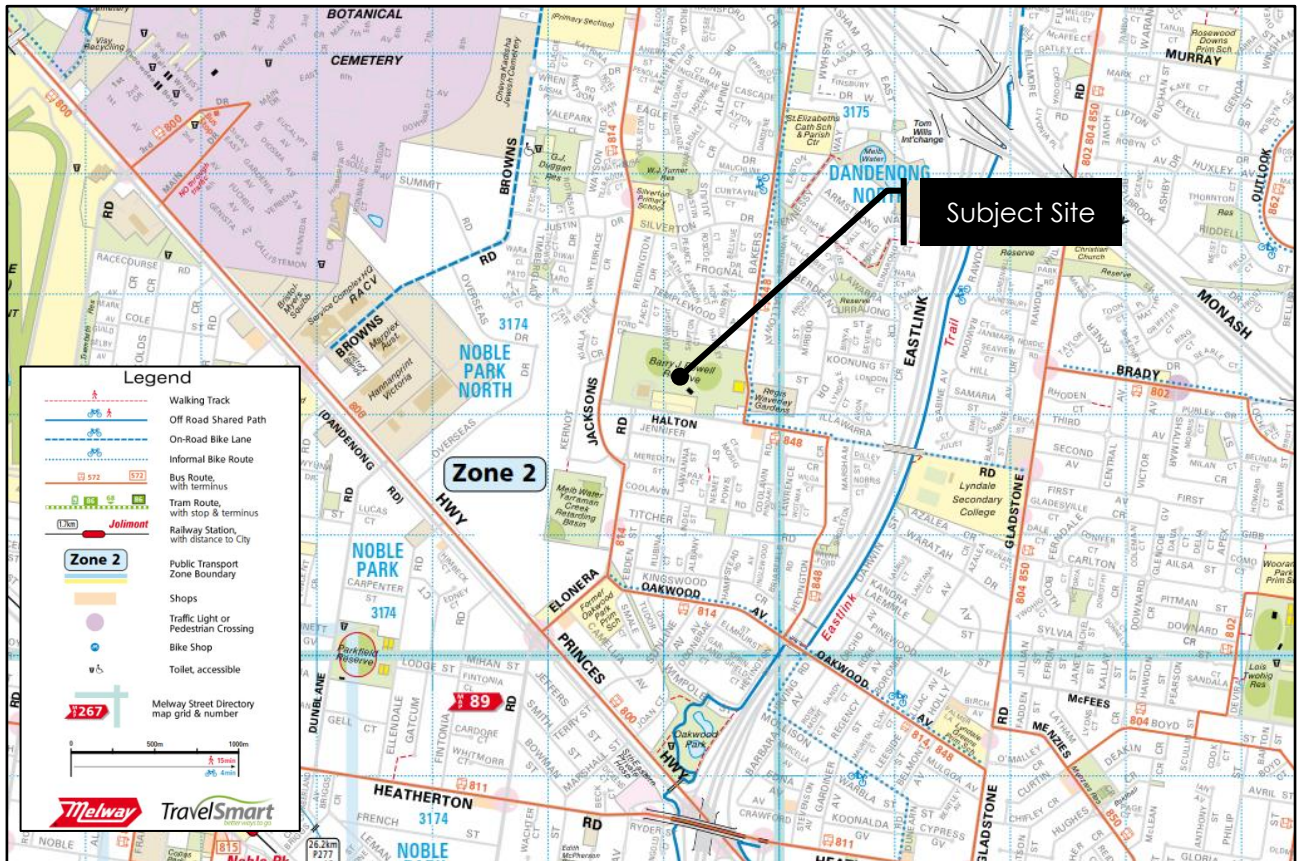


Sustainable Transport

General

An extract of the TravelSmart Map for the City of Greater Dandenong is shown in Figure 5, highlighting the public transport, bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the area.

Figure 5 TravelSmart Map - City of Greater Dandenong



It is shown that public transport in the area is limited to bus services, with multiple the following bus routes servicing the immediate vicinity of the site:

- 814 – Springvale South - Dandenong via Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, Springvale; and
- 848 – Dandenong - Brandon Park Shopping Centre via Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre.

Additionally, the site is located approximately 600 metres to the west of the Eastlink Trail, however there is a lack of bicycle facilities providing connectivity to the trail.

Existing Operation

As indicated previously, Barry J Powell Reserve is home to the Lyndale Cricket and Football Club and the Jan Wilson Community Centre and in addition to a range of other sporting and community facilities, including:

- Lyndale Cricket and Football Club;
- Heritage Tennis Club;
- Dog off-leash area;
- Jan Wilson Community Centre – Community Groups:
 - ✦ Australian Afghan Association of Victoria
 - ✦ Dandenong Alevi Cultural Centre
 - ✦ Dresden Calisthenics College
 - ✦ Hovercraft Club of Victoria
 - ✦ National Institute for the Guard of Honour
 - ✦ Omega Fire Ministries
 - ✦ Seychelles Social Club of Melbourne
 - ✦ City of Greater Dandenong – Immunisation Program
 - ✦ Dandenong Chess Club
 - ✦ Druze Community Charity of Victoria
 - ✦ Mirabel Foundation
 - ✦ Noble Park North Multicultural Elderly Citizens Club Inc
 - ✦ Seikatsu Ki Do Karate Association
 - ✦ Victorian Arabic Social Services – Arabic Women Seniors Group

A view of the location for each community and sporting facility is shown in Figure 6 below.

Figure 6 Existing Sporting and Community Facility Locations – Barry J Powell Reserve

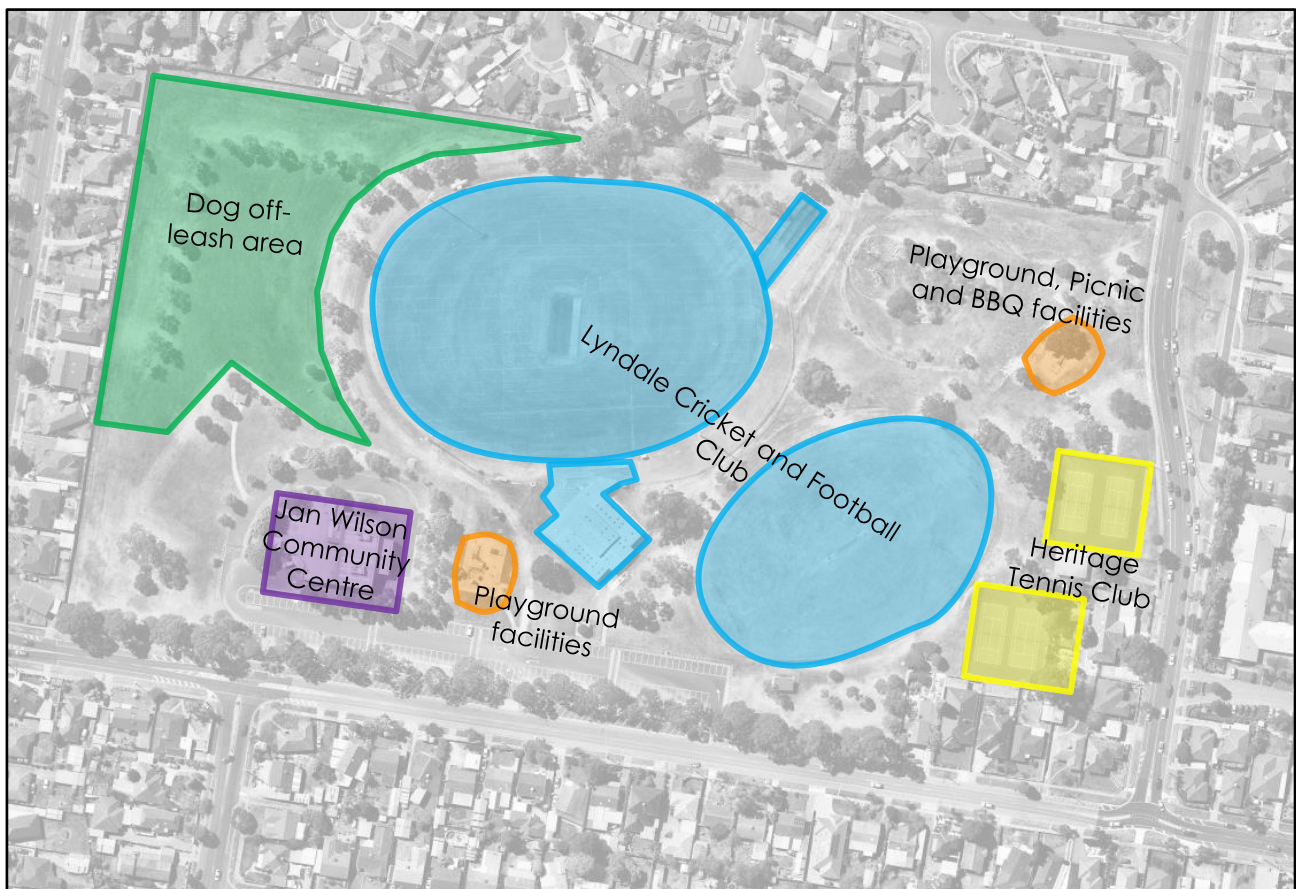


Table 2 represents the anticipated car parking demand for the peak summer and winter periods for Barry J Powell Reserve. A detailed breakdown of the car parking demand for the two reserves is attached in Appendix B.

Table 2 Anticipated Car Parking Demand

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Car Parking Demand</i>
Summer Peak	138 spaces
Winter Peak	186 spaces

As mentioned previously, a total of 196 car parking spaces are provided within and around the subject site, comprising 132 on-site spaces, 47 on-street spaces along the Halton Road frontage and 17 on-street spaces along the Bakers Road frontage.

Considering the above, the existing provision of car parking providing within and around the Barry J Powell reserve is considered appropriate to satisfy the maximum car parking demand generated during both the Summer and Winter Peak periods.

Concept Designs

Onemilegrid have prepared a number of Concept Layout Plans (CLP) for the future car park layout to assist in the master planning process of Barry J Powell Reserve, which are attached in Appendix A.

A breakdown of the net change in car parking provision for each CLP is summarised below in Table 3.

Table 3 Net Change in Car Parking Provision

<i>CLP</i>	<i>Car Park Area</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Net Change</i>
180558CLP100	On-site Car Park	132	133	+1
	Halton St Indented Parking	47	53	+6
180558CLP200	On-site Car Park	132	137	+5
	Halton St Indented Parking	47	53	+6
180558CLP300	On-site Car Park	132	139	+7
	Halton St Indented Parking	47	51	+4

All design options result in a slight increased provision of car parking on-site and on-street. Therefore, each design option will meet the maximum car parking demands expected to be generated by the Barry J Powell reserve during both the Summer and Winter Peak periods.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jamie Spratt (0401 154 825, or jamie.spratt@onemilegrid.com.au) should you wish to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Spratt

Director - Senior Engineer

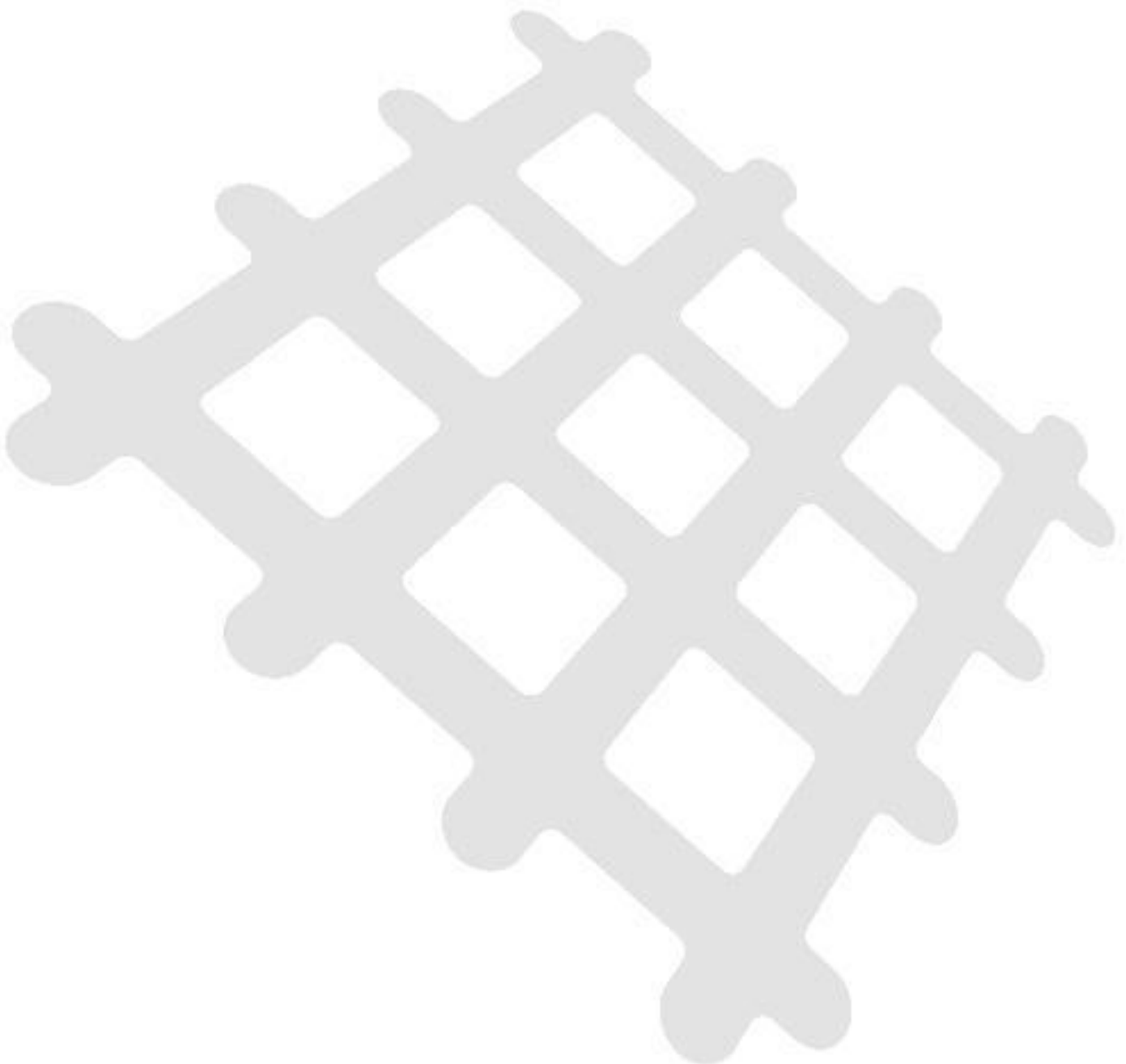
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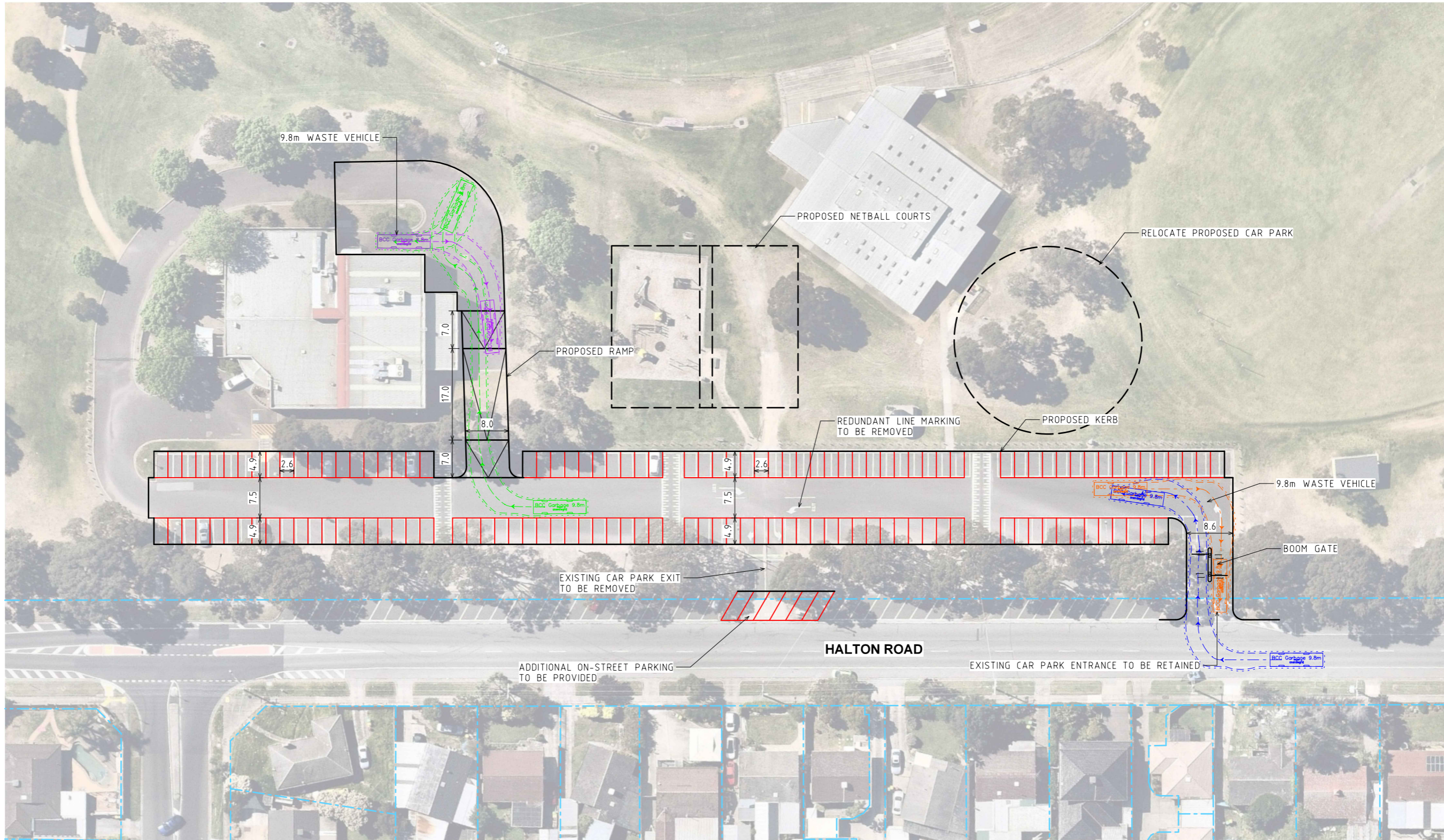
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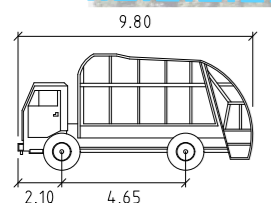
Appendix A Concept Layout Plans





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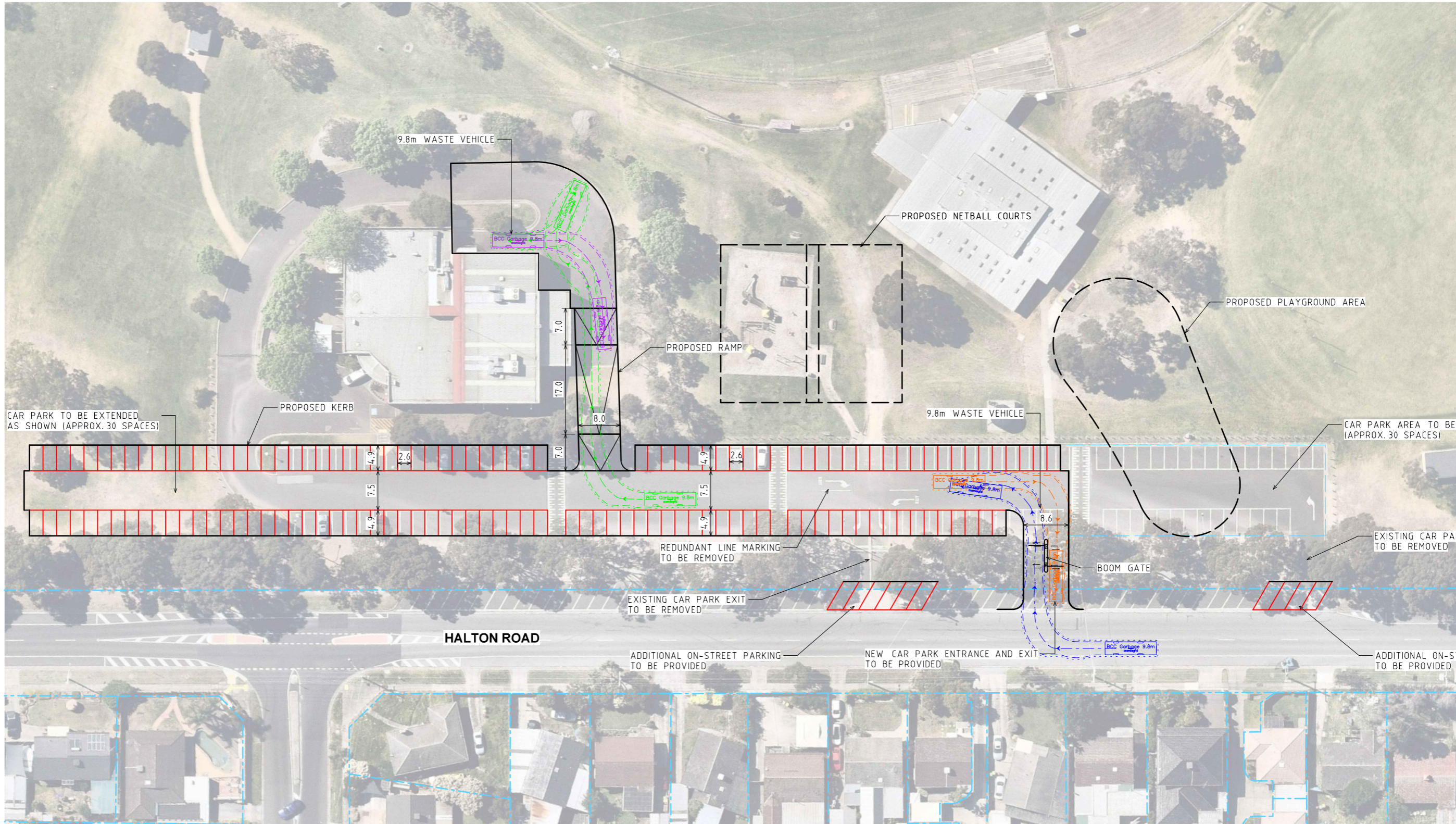


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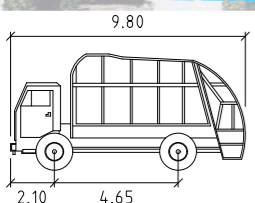
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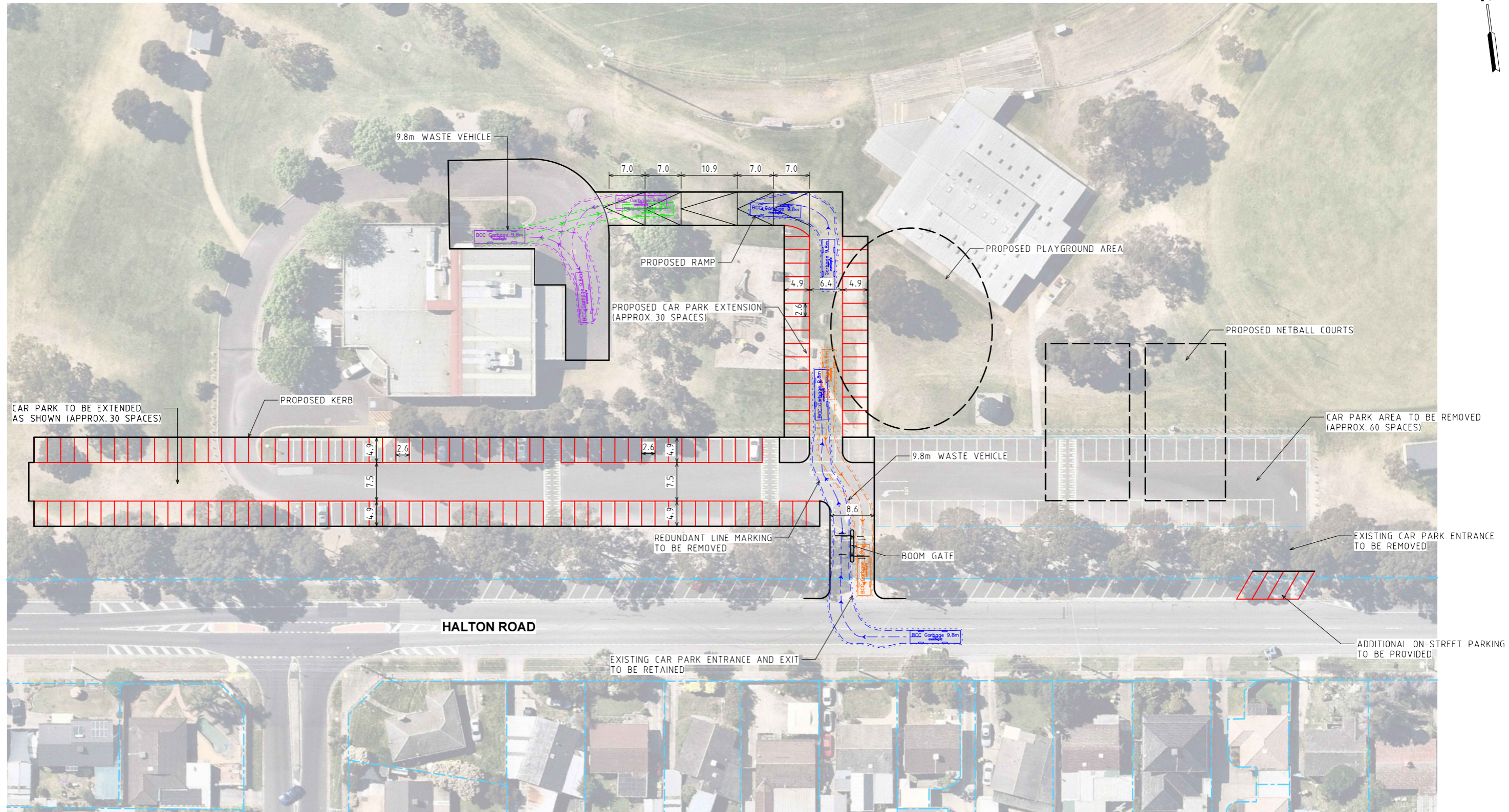


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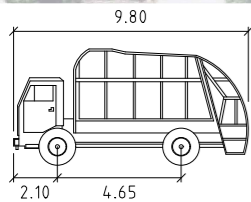
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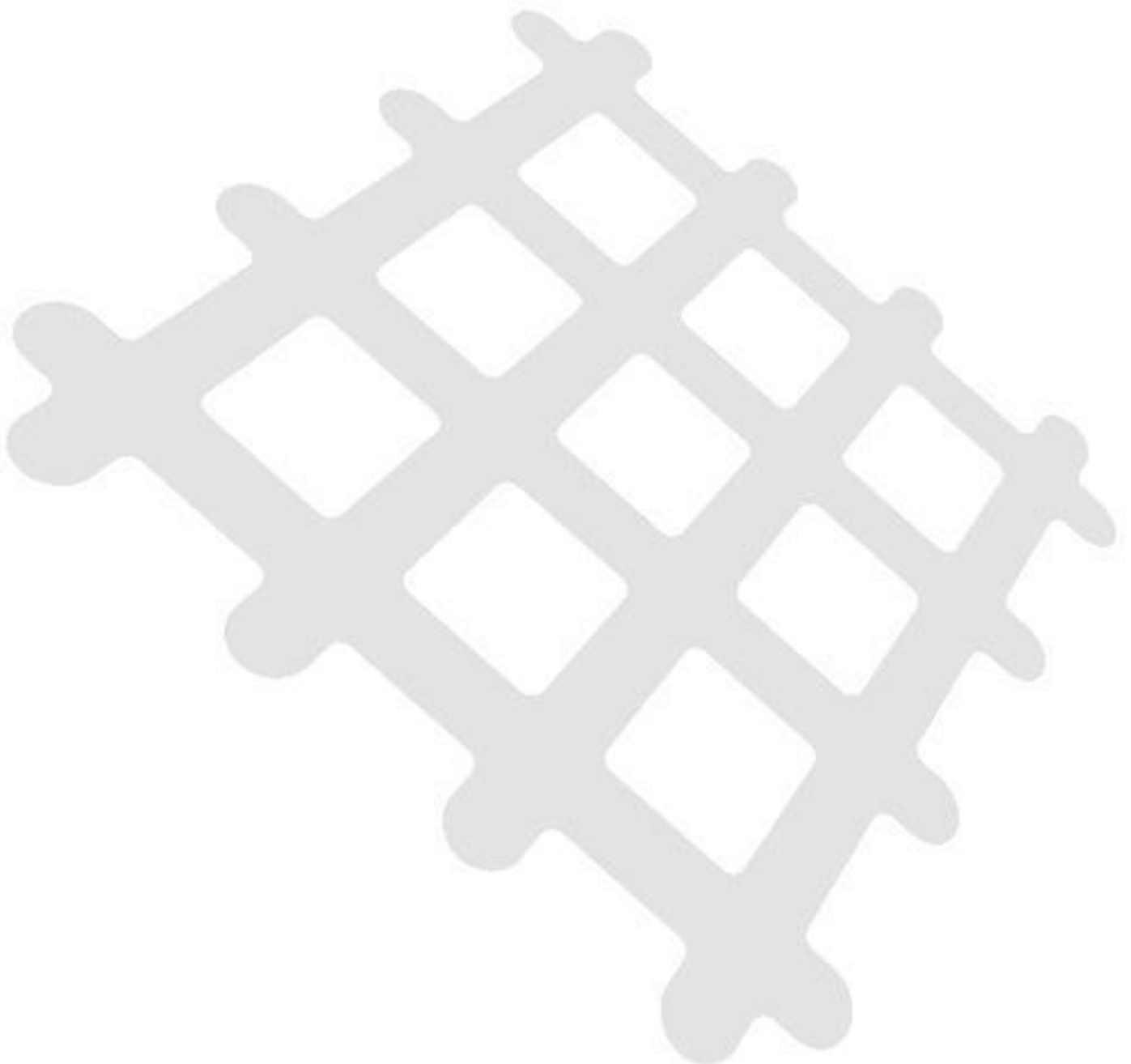


Table 4 Anticipated Parking Demands – Barry J Powell Reserve SUMMER

Scenario	Club/Area	Activity	Time	Peak Attend.	Peak Rate	Peak Demand
Summer Weekday – Mon & Weds	Lyndale Cricket Club	Juniors Cricket Training	4pm-6pm	45	0.5	22.5
		Pavilion	6pm – 10pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Training	All Day	15	0.8	12
		Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					101
Summer Weekday – Tues & Thurs	Lyndale Cricket Club	Seniors Cricket Training	6pm-9pm	75	0.8	60
		Pavilion	6pm – 10pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Training	All Day	15	0.8	12
		Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					138
Summer Weekday – Friday	Lyndale Cricket Club	Junior Cricket Competition	6pm-9pm	75	0.8	60
		Pavilion	6pm – 10pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Training	All Day	15	0.8	12
		Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					138
Summer Saturday	Lyndale Cricket Club	Senior Cricket Competition	12pm – 7pm	25	0.8	20
		Pavilion	12pm – midnight	-	-	-
		Junior Cricket Competition	8am-11am	30	0.5	15
	Tennis	Pavilion	8am – 12pm	-	-	-
		Junior Competition	8:15am – 12:15pm	20	0.5	10
		Senior Competition	1:30pm – 7pm	40	0.8	32
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20	
Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20	
	Total					137
Summer Sunday	Lyndale Cricket Club	Senior Cricket Competition	12pm – 7pm	25	0.8	20
		Pavilion	12pm – midnight	-	-	-
		Junior Cricket Competition	8am-11am	30	0.5	15
	Tennis	Pavilion	8am – 12pm	-	-	-
		Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20	
	Total					101

Saturday parking demand breakdown

Morning: 85 Midday: 90 Afternoon: 112

Table 5 Anticipated Parking Demand – Barry J Powell WINTER

Scenario	Oval	Activity	Time	Peak Attend.	Peak Rate	Peak Demand
Winter Weekday – Tues & Thurs	Lyndale Football Club	Senior Men's Football Training	6:30pm-9pm	50	0.8	40
		Pavilion	6:30pm-9pm	-	-	-
		Senior Women's Football Training	6pm-9pm	25	0.8	20
		Pavilion	6pm-9pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Training	All Day	15	0.8	12
		Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					138
Winter Saturday	Lyndale Football Club	Senior Men's Football Competition	11am - 6pm	100	0.8	80
		Pavilion	11am - 6pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Junior Competition	8:15am – 12:15pm	20	0.5	10
		Senior Competition	1:30pm – 7pm	40	0.8	32
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					182
Winter Sunday	Lyndale Football Club	Senior Men's Football Competition	11am - 6pm	100	0.8	80
		Pavilion	11am - 6pm	-	-	-
		Senior Women's Football Competition	1pm-6pm	50	0.8	40
		Pavilion	1pm-6pm	-	-	-
	Tennis	Social	All Day	8	0.8	6
	Playground Halton Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Playground Barkers Rd	No Activity	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Jan Wilson Community Centre	Community Group	N/a	N/a	20	20
	Total					186

Sunday parking demand breakdown

Morning: 66

Midday: 146

Afternoon: 186

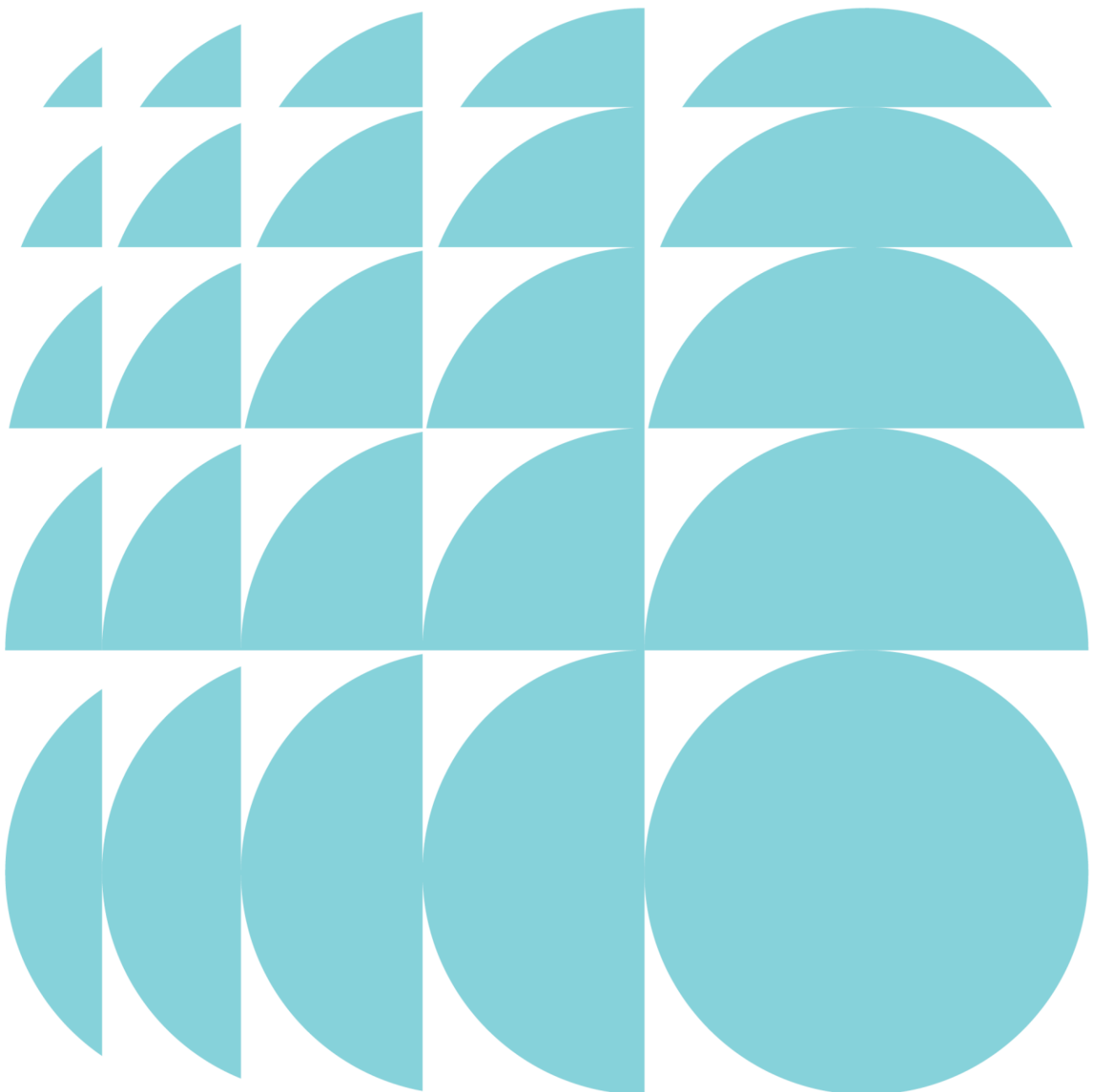
APPENDIX B COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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Barry Powell Reserve Engagement Summary

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Executive Summary

This document reports Phase 1 and 2 of community engagement undertaken by Ethos Urban and Land Design Partnership in January-September 2019 to support the development of the Barry Powell Reserve Masterplan by Land Design Partnership. Its purpose is to provide a summary of key feedback and insights received.

The following objectives guide the community engagement process throughout Phases 1 and 2:

- To consider multi-cultural influences on sport, recreation, and social activities
- To engage a range of stakeholder groups and residents that represent the diversity of the Noble Park community
- To reflect community ideas and aspirations for the reserve
- To consider shared use through separate land titles at the reserve
- To build community capacity to participate in the master planning process

Summary of Participation

Across Phases 1 and 2 activities open to the general community, a total of 99 people participated in the process (Table 1). Interviews with sports clubs were also undertaken.

Table 1: Phases 1 and 2 Participation

	Online feedback	Pop-up	Email Submissions	Total
Phase 1 Participants	11 (94 visits)	28	9	48
Phase 2 Participants	18	20	14	51
TOTAL	29	48	23	99

Phase 1 Summary of Feedback

- **Playground upgrades:** It is important to park visitors that the playgrounds be all weather. There is support for the playgrounds to be upgraded, and perhaps themed, e.g. water play or nature play. Play spaces should be expanded and upgraded to attract all ages, and should provide shade and seating for the play area users and family members.
- **Sport and spectator facilities:** Some sport facilities are in need of upgrades. In particular, the toilets and the sheltered areas for spectators should be improved. Users also support the installation of lighting at the tennis courts and an increase in court space for basketball and netball.
- **Dog off-leash facilities:** Participants support fencing of the existing dog-off-leash area, and the installation of waste bags and bins.
- **Walking infrastructure:** Informal walking/cycling recreation is important at the Reserve. Park visitors would like to see improvements to infrastructure to support this, including a designated circuit with drinking fountains, shade, and exercise stations.
- **Outdoor gym:** A number of participants suggested that outdoor gym equipment would be appropriate at the park, perhaps near the Jan Wilson Community Centre.

- **Vegetation / tree planting:** Visitors would like to see the Reserve's vegetation enhanced. According to participants, tree planting would provide shade and serve as windbreaks, as well as improve the general environment of the park.
- **Social infrastructure:** Other suggestions for upgrades generally refer to seating, toilets, shade, and BBQs to support social recreation.

Phase 2 Summary of Feedback

- **General support:** The majority of survey participants stated that they support the Draft Master Plan. Comments from the pop-up session also expressed general support for the Plan. Community members appear enthusiastic about the prospect of an upgraded Barry Powell Reserve, in particular the pavilion.
- **Feedback on playground upgrades:** Phase 2 participants responded to two different Options for the Reserve. Each offered different locations and scales for a play space at the Reserve. The first proposed a larger, District-level playground with more diverse play options in the open space adjacent to Jan Wilson Centre, while the second proposed an updated playground of a similar scale to the existing one, located between the car park and the second sporting oval. Overall, Option 1 received more support from the community. While some participants suggested that Option 2 allowed better surveillance of the playground from other spaces around the Reserve, including the oval, there is a preference for the larger District-level play space that the location in the southwestern corner would allow.
- **Public toilets:** There is demand for publicly-accessible toilet facilities to be incorporated into the pavilion redevelopment.
- **Dog off-lead suggestions:** There is some demand for a dog-off leash area at the Reserve. Fencing around the area is preferred.
- **Support for additional vegetation:** This was a key focus in Phase 2 submissions. Respondents support greater vegetation at the reserve, in particular native vegetation. There is interest in extending the forest glade to the southeast area of the Reserve.
- **Sport and recreation suggestions:** There is support for an increase in sport and recreation facilities at the Reserve, including the full-size soccer pitch, a full netball/basketball court, portable goal storage, and outdoor gym equipment.
- **Additional suggestions:** Phase 2 participants also made a range of suggestions for additions or minor changes to the Draft Master Plan, including additional walking paths and seating, and improved lighting.
- **Questions or comments on the consultation process:** Some Phase 2 participants felt that the process was not adequately advertised, particularly nearby residents.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

The City of Greater Dandenong has engaged Land Design Partnership to develop a Masterplan for Barry J Powell Reserve. The project brings together a number of consultancies to guide the landscape, architectural, open space, and recreation and sport outcomes for the two reserves.

Barry Powell Reserve is a 9.94 hectare reserve located in a residential area that serves as a major venue for competitive community sport and social recreation. Heightened community interest in the need for improvements to park infrastructure has triggered the need for a masterplan to determine the future direction of the reserve.

The below table shows the project timeline.

Table 2: Project Timeline

Project Stage	Timing	Engagement
1. Project Inception	June 2018	
2. Background Preparation	August-December 2018	
3. Issues and Opportunities	January-March 2019	Phase 1 Engagement
4. Draft Masterplan	June-September 2019	Phase 2 Engagement
5. Final Masterplan	Late 2019	

1.2 Purpose of this Report

This document reports Phase 1 and 2 of community engagement undertaken by Ethos Urban and Land Design Partnership in January-September 2019 to support the development of the Barry Powell Reserve Masterplan by Land Design Partnership. Its purpose is to provide a summary of key feedback and insights received.

2.0 Engagement Framework

The project's Engagement framework is detailed in the Barry Powell Reserve Masterplan Engagement Strategy.

2.1 Engagement Objectives

The following objectives guide the community engagement process throughout Phases 1 and 2:

- To consider multi-cultural influences on sport, recreation, and social activities
- To engage a range of stakeholder groups and residents that represent the diversity of the Noble Park community
- To reflect community ideas and aspirations for the reserve
- To consider shared use through separate land titles at the reserve
- To build community capacity to participate in the master planning process

2.2 Phase 1

Phase 1 Engagement formed a part of **Stage 3: Issues and Opportunities** of the project. The key purpose of this Phase was to build an understanding of the general issues and opportunities for existing clubs and parks users/visitors, and of what is working well and what needs improvement at the park.

Stakeholder feedback from Phase 1 is primarily drawn from the following activities:

- Online community survey
- Interviews with sports clubs (undertaken by Simon Richards Consulting)
- Pop-up session in the Reserve

In addition to these activities, the City of Greater Dandenong accepted ideas and comments via email throughout this Phase of Engagement.

2.3 Phase 2

Phase 1 Engagement formed a part of **Stage 4: Draft Masterplan** of the project. The key purpose of this Phase was to gain feedback on the Draft Masterplan to inform the development of the Final Masterplan for the Reserve. This Phase was also intended to demonstrate how Phase 1 feedback was incorporated into the Draft Masterplan.

Stakeholder feedback from Phase 2 is drawn from the following activities:

- Online community survey
- Interviews with sports clubs
- Pop-up session in the Reserve

In addition to these activities, the City of Greater Dandenong accepted ideas and comments via email throughout this Phase of Engagement.

3.0 Overall Summary of Feedback

3.1 Phase 1 Summary

Across the three engagement activities open to the general community, a total 48 people participated in the process, in addition to the sports clubs (Table 3).

Table 3: Phase 1 Participation

	Online feedback	Pop-up	Email Submissions	Total
Participants	11 (94 visits)	28	9	48

Outcomes from Phase 1 by activity and key themes are summarised below. A more detailed description of each activity is included in the next section of this report. Feedback from interviews with local sports clubs has been excluded from this general count, as this is considered more targeted feedback.

Table 4: Phase 1 Summary of themes and activities

Theme	Online feedback	Pop-up	Email Submissions	Total mentions
	Number of mentions			
Playground upgrades	4	4	5	13
Sport and spectator facilities	5	13	1	19
Dog off-leash facilities	3	4	1	
Walking infrastructure	3	4	3	10
Outdoor gym	4	1	2	7
Vegetation / tree planting	0	6	3	9
Social Infrastructure	4	5	2	11

The above table suggests that, according to participants:

- **Playground upgrades:** It is important to park visitors that the playgrounds be all weather. There is support for the playgrounds to be upgraded, and perhaps themed, e.g. water play or nature play. Play spaces should be expanded and upgraded to attract all ages, and should provide shade and seating for the play area users and family members.
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- **Vegetation / tree planting:** Visitors would like to see the Reserve's vegetation enhanced. According to participants, tree planting would provide shade and serve as windbreaks, as well as improve the general environment of the park.
- **Social infrastructure:** Other suggestions for upgrades generally refer to seating, toilets, shade, and BBQs to support social recreation.

3.2 Phase 2 Summary

Approximately 51 persons contributed to Phase 2 of consultation (Table 5). One of the submissions counted below was just before Phase 2 of consultation started, but contained relevant feedback and has been included in the analysis.

Table 5: Phase 2 Participation

	Online survey	Pop-up	Submissions	Total
Participants	18	20	14	51

Outcomes from Phase 2 by activity and key themes are summarised below. A more detailed description of each activity is included in the next section of this report. Feedback from interviews with local sports clubs has been excluded from this general count, as this is considered more targeted feedback.

Table 6: Summary of Phase 2 activities and themes

Theme	Online survey	Pop-up	Submissions	Total mentions
	Number of mentions			
General support	9	4	2	15
Feedback on playground upgrades	7	10	0	17
Public toilets	3	0	0	3
Dog off-lead suggestions	0	3	0	3
Support for additional vegetation	1	0	8	9
Sport and recreation suggestions	0	4	3	7
Additional suggestions	4	4	1	9
Questions or comments on the consultation process	0	1	2	3

The above table suggests that, according to participants:

- **General support:** The majority of survey participants stated that they support the Draft Master Plan. Comments from the pop-up session also expressed general support for the Plan. Community members appear enthusiastic about the prospect of an upgraded Barry Powell Reserve, in particular the pavilion.
- **Feedback on playground upgrades:** Phase 2 participants responded to two different Options for the Reserve. Each offered different locations and scales for a play space at the Reserve. The first proposed a larger, District-level playground with more diverse play options in the open space adjacent to Jan Wilson Centre, while the second proposed an updated playground of a similar scale to the existing one, located between the car park and the second sporting oval. Overall, Option 1 received more support from the community. While some participants suggested that Option 2 allowed better surveillance of the playground from other spaces around the Reserve, including the oval, there is a preference for the larger District-level play space adjacent to the Jan Wilson Centre.
- **Public toilets:** There is demand for publicly-accessible toilet facilities to be incorporated into the pavilion redevelopment.
- **Dog off-lead suggestions:** There is some demand for a dog-off leash area at the Reserve. Fencing around the area is preferred.
- **Support for additional vegetation:** This was a key focus in Phase 2 submissions. Respondents support greater vegetation at the reserve, in particular native vegetation. There is interest in extending the forest glade to the southeast area of the Reserve.
- **Sport and recreation suggestions:** There is support for an increase in sport and recreation facilities at the Reserve, including the full-size soccer pitch, a full netball/basketball court, portable goal storage, and outdoor gym equipment.
- **Additional suggestions:** Phase 2 participants also made a range of suggestions for additions or minor changes to the Draft Master Plan, including additional walking paths and seating, and improved lighting.
- **Questions or comments on the consultation process:** Some Phase 2 participants felt that the process was not adequately advertised, particularly nearby residents.

4.0 Detailed Analysis of Phase 1 Feedback

Phase 1 feedback is organised in this section by activity. Themes are identified from each activity, and examples of direct comments are provided.

4.1 Online community forum

The online community forum was live from 25 January to 1 March 2019 on oursay.org, a platform for online community participation. Participants were able to enter an idea in response to the prompt 'Tell us how you use this park and what would make you want to use it more.'

While live, the Oursay page received 94 unique visitors, 11 of whom actively engaged. Participants put forward 9 ideas for the Reserve, which received a total of 12 votes and 8 comments. Approximately 45% of participants were in the 41-60 age range, 27% were in the 26-40 age range, and 18.2% were aged 16-25. The page was most commonly accessed by email link, and was mostly engaged with by women.

Key Themes

- **Playground upgrade:** This was discussed in approximately one-third of the ideas put forward for the park. Several comments were also made in support of ideas related to upgrading/expanding the play facilities. One person suggested that the existing play spaces may not be suitable for 0-3 years children who attend (or have siblings who attend) the nearby Heritage Preschool.

Feedback excerpts:

"Playground definitely needs to be updated"

"I agree that both playgrounds need to be updated and enlarged. It is great seeing children playing there a lot especially on the weekends."

- **Sport and spectator facilities:** In addition to the play areas, other facilities were identified as in need of upgrades. In particular, the toilets and the cover for spectator areas for sports fields could use improvements. There is also support for a court for tennis and/or basketball.

Feedback excerpts:

"A basketball court of sort would be great"

"Public Toilets need to be better."

- **Dog facilities:** One-third of ideas mention upgrades to the dog facilities. The Reserve presently contains a dog-off-leash area, and there is support for converting this to a fenced space with rubbish bags and bins for dog waste.

Feedback excerpts:

"An enclosed dog park would be awesome!"

"More bins for dog poo to be put in and plastic bags available"

- **Walking infrastructure:** Walking seems to be a popular activity among respondents. One idea—which received four votes of support—suggested a walking/cycling path be created around the perimeter of the park. Shade, drinking fountains, and seating would also improve the walking opportunities at the Reserve.

Feedback excerpts:

"A walking path/cycling path around the perimeter of the park."

"In reference to the walking/cycling path, I would love to see that idea upgraded to a fitness track, with different "work out" equipment every 100m or so"

- **Outdoor gym:** Three individuals discussed the possibility of outdoor gym equipment in the Reserve. It was suggested that locating the equipment near the Jan Wilson Community Centre would be appropriate, and these comments and ideas received votes and additional comments of support.

Feedback excerpts:

"An outdoor gym near The Jan Wilson Community Centre"

"I would love an outdoor gym too!"

An additional idea which received no comments or votes suggested that water tanks be added to the reserve for watering of the grass during drier months to prevent the grass from dying.

4.2 Interviews with sports clubs

Interviews with the Lyndale Cricket Club, Melbourne Eagles Cricket Club, and Lyndale Football Club were conducted November-December 2018 by Richard Simon of Simon Leisure. Each meeting discussed club membership numbers, the use of Barry Powell Reserve for club activities, and potential constraints and opportunities. Key findings include:

- The overall topography of Barry J Powell Reserve will make it difficult (and costly) to rectify the two key functional constraints for sustainable sport:
 - the need for a compliant pavilion
 - enlarging the No. 2 oval
- Any new/ upgraded pavilion should allow for the following minimum outcomes:
 - Compliance with the preferred facility standards of AFL Victoria and Cricket Victoria for senior football and cricket clubs, including female friendly facilities
 - Primary orientation to the main oval, but with access/ address to the No. 2 oval
 - Direct access to the main oval from the pavilion for players and umpires
 - At-grade storage facilities with direct access to the main oval
 - Improved undercover spectator areas
- Investigate options to widen the No. 2 oval
- Investigate options to provide at least one training standard netball court, but assess possibilities to future-proof the reserve for any increase in the popularity of netball by planning for two courts
- Retain at least one tennis court as a community accessible court (two courts would be optimal), with an adjoining shelter and seating (no clubroom required)

4.4 Pop-up session in the Reserve

One pop-up event, promoted via postcards, was held on 23 February 2019, 1-4pm in the Reserve. The event was facilitated by Council staff and members of the consultant team. Approximately 28 participants took part in activities which asked them what they like about the park and how it could be improved. Participants also had the opportunity to tag a location with a sticker and provide corresponding feedback specific to that location (depicted in Figure 1). A total of 54 comments were provided.

Key themes

- **Walking infrastructure:** According to participants, upgrades to cycling/walking infrastructure are needed. In the mapping exercise, a path encircling the Reserve was suggested. This could accommodate walkers as those on bikes or scooters. In some places, the ground is also quite steep or uneven and would be improved at a more even grade.

Feedback excerpts:

“Current paths/ground are uneven”
“Walking paths, bike paths away from traffic”

- **General upgrades:** Approximately one-quarter of responses suggest general upgrades at the Reserve. Regarding sports facilities, it was suggested that there be an increase in shade and seating near sport areas. Play areas in particular were identified as in need of improvements, especially fencing and shade. Toilets were also identified as in need of improvements and spaces for women’s changerooms.

Feedback excerpts:

“Playground area—more BBQs and tables, shade –very hot and exposed, lots of families use playground and tables”
“Seating near ovals to watch sport”

- **Vegetation/tree planting:** There is support for enhanced vegetation, in particular ‘bush’ type landscaping which may have existed in greater abundance in the past. This might provide an improved habitat corridor. Tree planting may also help with the issue of strong winds and lack of shade at the Reserve.

Feedback excerpts:

“Replanting vegetation” [Location 1a, Figure 1]
“Rejuvenate bush area at north of park like natural habitat – lorikeet and rainbow parrots and cockatoos”

- **Parking/access:** This was identified by two participants as something positive about the Reserve. However, two others suggested improvements are needed, including speed humps, parking for the tennis club, and parking closer to the oval for access/protection from weather.

Feedback excerpts:

“Easy to park cars”
“Off-street parking for tennis club”

- **Court utilisation:** Approximately one-quarter discussed the existing courts at the Reserve. According to participants, the tennis club has been reformed and incorporated the Reserve, renting out the courts. Two commenters suggest limiting access by bookings and/or keypad access. The courts themselves may also be in need of upgrades to the fencing and lighting. Five comments suggest that there should also be court space for basketball and/or netball.

Feedback excerpts:

“Basketball hoops/half courts”
“Tennis club has been incorporated into facilities – being rented. Juniors only, 4 courts – coaching 3-4”

nights, member social games”

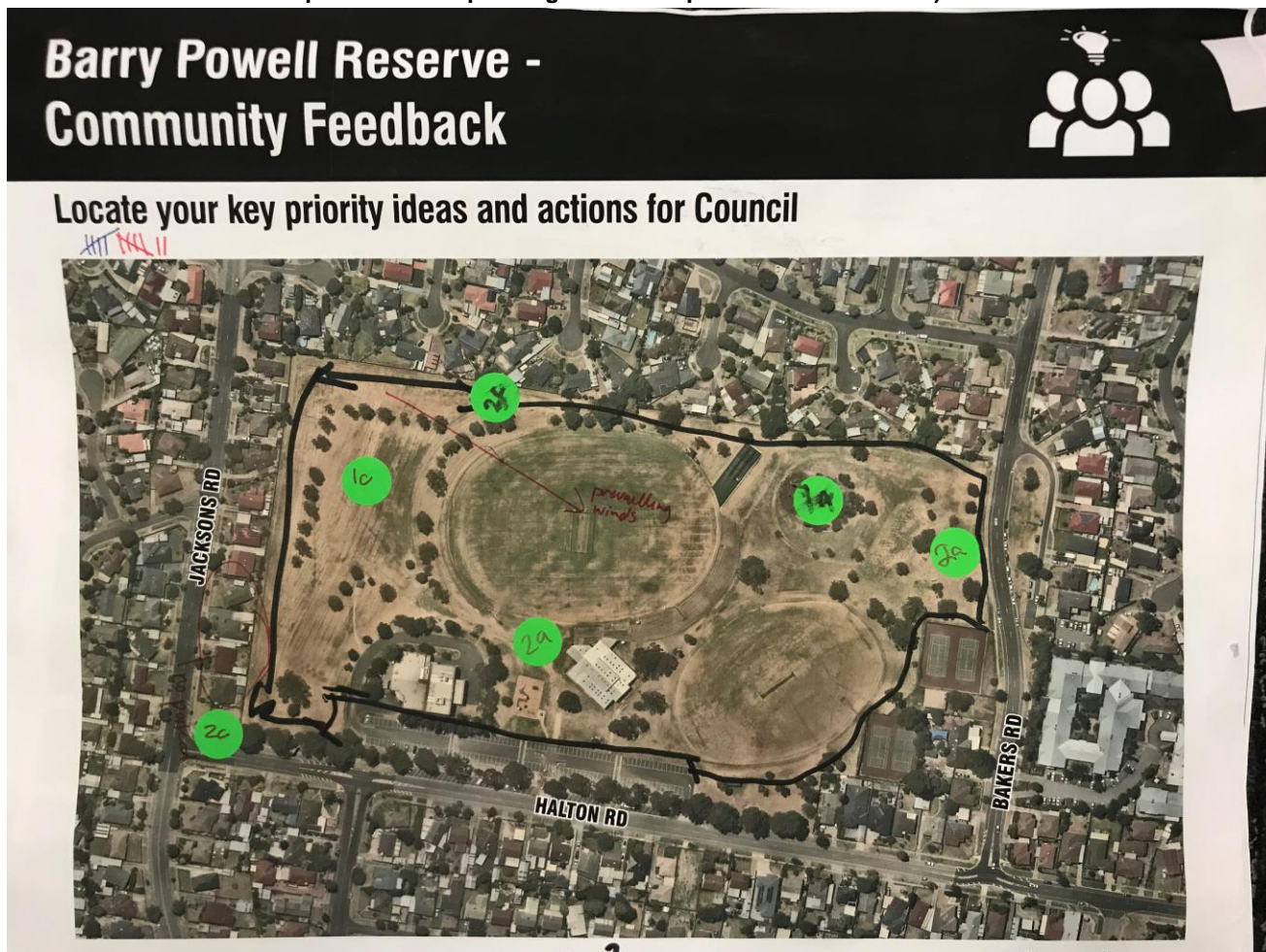
- **Designation/Segregation of dog areas:** Several participants discussed issues around the containment of the dog-off-leash area in the park. It seems that this use is conflicting with others in the park, and users feel that the area should be fenced or should contain signage that designates only that area as dog-off-leash.

Feedback excerpts:

“Fence dog park” [location 1a, Figure 1]

“Fence dog park--more enforcement required”

Figure 1: Barry J Powell feedback and locations (as outlined above, participants also had the opportunity to tag a location with a sticker and provide corresponding feedback specific to that location)



4.6 Email Submissions

A total of 9 additional email submissions were received with ideas and feedback for the Barry J Powell Masterplan project. Two submissions received provided feedback for both Reserves.

Key Themes

- **Play areas:** Approximately one-third of email submissions for Barry Powell focussed on play areas. Respondents show a preference for themed play spaces, such as 'nature play' or 'water play'. It was also suggested that the two playgrounds at the Reserve should be complementary, so as to offer different experiences or to target different age groups. Equipment should also be all-season. The same suggestion of adult-sized playgrounds was put forward for this Reserve as with WJ Turner Reserve, from the same individual.

Feedback excerpts:

"Reserve should have a natural playground made of wood and stone with nature play aspects to it"
"One [playground] should have nature play equipment. Would be good to have native animal theme."

- **Pathways:** More than one-third of submitters support the idea of an improved/increased path network for walkers and cyclers. One supporter of this also suggests that the circuit should be lit.

Feedback excerpts:

"I would like to suggest a walking trail around the perimeter of this reserve"
"I think just an interesting walking track all around with extra native vegetation including grasses, small bushes and some trees would make the park an obvious walking space of interest for the community."

- **Vegetation/tree planting:** One respondent commented on the 'barren' nature of the Reserve. This was echoed in other submissions as well. There is consensus that the park is not well-vegetated and could use more planting of trees.

Feedback excerpts:

"Let's make Barry Powell Reserve something unique for the suburb which is very lacking in trees."
"Lots, lots more native trees - the reserve is so barren and there is so much space for more trees"

- **Additional recreation and social infrastructure:** Outdoor gym equipment was an additional theme of the submissions. One-third of submitters note that this would expand opportunities for recreation at the park, and may be especially appropriate along a walking/cycling circuit. Seating areas, shelter, and BBQ facilities are also requested.

Feedback excerpts:

"Providing more BBQ facilities with shaded cooking and seating areas will encourage families to choose a local park for their social gatherings."
"We additionally think it would be beneficial to see exercise equipment installed at the reserve (similar to the various pieces of outdoor equipment publicly available at Tirhatuan Park)"

There was a unique suggestion from one submitter that the market would be an appropriate location for a monthly market.

5.0 Detailed Analysis of Phase 2 Feedback

Feedback is organised in this section by activity. Themes are identified from each activity, and examples of direct comments are provided. In this Phase, participants responded to two versions of the Draft Master Plan: Option 1, or Option 2. The two options are described below. The main difference between the options is the proposed relocation of the central playground from next to the Oval, to the space next to the Jan Wilson Community Centre, which would allow for a larger district-level space.

- **Option 1** is a large district-level play space of an approximately 1300m² located next to the Jan Wilson Community Centre.
- **Option 2** is a small local-level play space of an approximately 350m² located next to the second Oval (the south eastern cricket oval).

Some participants clearly stated a preference, while others commented more generally on elements included in both options.

5.1 Online Survey

The online survey was live from 12 August to 8 September 2019. The survey was linked from the project website on the City of Greater Dandenong web page. Participants were able to view both Draft Master Plan options and were prompted to provide feedback, as well as some personal details.

In total, 18 persons completed the online survey. The majority of those that participated identified as Female (78%). The age group with the strongest representation was that of 26-40 years old (50% of participants).

Support for the Draft Master Plan

Participants were asked if they supported the Draft Master Plan overall. Approximately 22% did not respond to this question. However, the majority of survey respondents (more than 60%) clearly stated that they do support the Draft Plan.

Option Preferences

Each survey participant selected their preferred Draft Master Plan options, between the options described above. A total of 13 persons (approximately 72%) selected Option 1: a large district-level play space located next to the Jan Wilson Community Centre as their preference.

Key themes

Most survey respondents also offered commentary to justify their support, or lack thereof, for the Draft Master Plan. This feedback has summarised into themes below.

- **Support for upgraded facilities:** The most common theme from the survey feedback is support for the proposed facilities upgrades. Two of the nine comments on this theme voiced general support for an upgraded, improved reserve, but all others focussed on the sporting facilities. According to responses, those that use the sports grounds and facilities (football, soccer, and netball club members) recognise an urgent need for upgrades and are excited that the proposed upgrades will accommodate an increase in sport and recreation use, in particular women's facilities.

Feedback excerpts:

"I support this plan as women's footy especially is getting larger and larger each year and that upgrade is much needed through the facilities."

"Yes. I play football here the grounds desperately need upgrading and the buildings"

- **Support for upgraded playground:** This theme also received a significant amount of feedback. Approximately 7 comments focus on the potential for the relocation and upgrades to the playground. Overall, comments demonstrate enthusiasm for a larger, more diverse play space. Three comments suggest that it is preferable to have multiple playgrounds. One suggests that the proposed Option 1

location is less accessible to parents and carers, while another suggests that it is 'ideal'. Another comment suggests an all-abilities play space for the Option 1 location.

Feedback excerpts:

"Bringing communities together is important as such having multiple play spaces is important."

"Prefer proposal for larger playground area but do query it's proposed location away from the sporting fields and Heritage Preschool, both are uses which generate a volume of use with families during matches and before and after kinder sessions. Why couldn't the larger playground be built at the Bakers Road end and develop nature play at either of the Option 1 or Option 2 locations?"

- **Public toilets:** Three comments suggest that more public toilet facilities are needed at the reserve, especially one that is available to those using the playground or social facilities.

Feedback excerpts:

"Not much public toilets actually I can't see any"

"Would like to see a public toilet facility installed/available to support the larger playground option, otherwise it limits the use of the space for social gatherings/birthday parties etc."

- **Additional suggestions:** Individual comments make additional suggestions for the Master Plan, including an area for Mini Roos (soccer), better lighting at the car park and playground, and additional greenery. One participant also suggested that more open space and vegetation should be provided, and that neither Option achieves a significant change of layout.

5.2 Pop-up session in the Reserve

One pop-up event, communicated via on-site advertisements and notices on the Council website, was held on Saturday, 17 August 2019, 12-3pm in the Reserve. The event was facilitated by Council staff and members of the consultant team. Approximately 20 participants viewed the Draft Master Plan options and provided feedback. A total of 26 comments were recorded relevant to the Barry Powell Draft Master Plan. Themes from the feedback are summarised below.

Participants were also able to view the Wal Turner Reserve Draft Master Plan and provide comments on that. These are reported on separately. Feedback recorded for Barry Powell Reserve at the Wal Turner pop-up session is included in this analysis.

- **General support:** Four comments express support for the plan. One of these supports the proposed pedestrian crossing at Halton Road in particular.

Feedback excerpts:

"It sounds really good."

"A great proposal"

- **Feedback on the playground:** Of the 10 comments relevant to play spaces and the playground options, 6 of them express support for Option 1. Another does not comment on the options but does support a larger playground with more play space for children. On the other hand, two comments do not support Option 1. One would prefer the playground stay, and another suggests that the larger play space be located in the northeastern corner rather than next to Jan Wilson Centre. Another commenter would like that the play area be nature play.

Feedback excerpts:

“Option one a great idea”

“We need a bigger playground. A lot of footy girls have kids and they need more play space”

- **Dog off-lead suggestions:** Three comments support the inclusion of a dog off-lead area. Fencing around the area is preferred.

Feedback excerpts:

‘Fence around the dog park’

“Maintain the dog off-lead area – not smaller. Ok to be fenced”

- **Sport and recreation suggestions:** Four comments focus on sport and recreation facilities. One supports fitness equipment (outdoor gym equipment) at the reserve. Two comments suggest that better facilities are especially needed for the tennis club, including a clubhouse and lighting for after-dark play. A premier-level cricket pitch is also supported.

Feedback excerpts:

“Tennis facilities need upgrades – especially lighting.”

“Fitness equipment”

- **Additional suggestions:** One attendee was concerned at the potential for trees planted on the edge of the reserve to interfere with the underground water systems. Another suggested that the car parking gate is not closing at 9 as intended. Additional walking paths, and better maintenance of the reserve were also suggested.
- **Questions or comments on process:** One comment suggested that the notification process for the project was not adequate, particularly for nearby residents.

5.3 Submissions

A total of 13 submissions (email or handwritten) were received for Phase 2. The submissions are summarised in themes below. In addition to the themes below, two submissions expressed general support for the Draft Master Plan.

- **Support for additional vegetation:** This was the most common theme among submissions; approximately 8 participants made comments relevant to vegetation. Comments support more vegetation at the reserve, in particular native vegetation. There is interest in the forest glade be extended to the southeast area. Submitters note the benefits of vegetation to the natural environment and human health.

Feedback excerpts:

“I would like to request that more trees are needed to be planted in both reserves. These trees need to be native, preferably endemic to the area.”

“Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Masterplans for Wal Turner Reserve and Barry Powell Reserve in Noble Park North. I wish to state my preference that EVEN MORE trees be planted in the Reserves”

- **Sport and recreation suggestions:** Three submissions make recommendations for the sport and recreation facilities at the reserve. One of these was made by Football Victoria, who note that the design will accommodate a full size pitch for their needs, and that portable goal storage should also be included. The

Lyndale Football Netball Club supports the inclusion of a full netball/basketball court, and one resident supports the inclusion of an outdoor gym.

Feedback excerpts:

'[The Lyndale Football Netball Club] believe that a half court would not be suitable for the club [...] a minimum of a FULL court should be the ONLY alternative considered'

'The outdoor gym would have different things to do than the exercise classes and there are a lot of people who use the park that love walking and running around'

- **Additional suggestions:** Two persons made other suggestions for the reserve. One submission suggests more seating is needed, while another would like for the reserve to respond to a greater diversity of needs and interests, perhaps with a nature or sensory play area.
- **Questions or comments on the consultation process:** Two respondents questioned the notification process, with one suggesting not all park users were notified of the plans, as they had only observed signage at the sports pavilion, and another stating that they were unable to provide feedback because the Master Plan was not yet available online. Another simply requested further discussion on the Draft Plans, which was followed up on by Council.

5.4 Interview with the Heritage Tennis Club

As in Phase 1, interviews with sports clubs were undertaken by Richard Simon of Simon Leisure Consulting, who have provided the summary below. Heritage Tennis Club was consulted for Phase 2. This meeting was held in April 2019.

Currently, four teams are playing competitive tennis under the Heritage Tennis Club name. The clubroom is currently used when coaching is scheduled at the courts, on Saturdays during competition, and during tennis-based holiday programs held at the courts. It was explained that the preferred option of Council for the Heritage Tennis Club, if it was to continue to exist, was to relocate to the tennis facility at Lois Twohig Reserve, and use the two Powell Reserve courts as overflow courts, when required. It was explained that the facilities at Lois Twohig Reserve include four hardcourts (floodlit) and a good size clubhouse. The reserve is located 2.3km from Powell Reserve.

Key opportunities identified by the Club:

- Improve the playground adjacent to the tennis facility
- Install picnic tables and shelters
- Introduce bike education elements to the park path network, e.g. mini-stop signs
- Install a public toilet
- Install teenage active recreation equipment/ fitness equipment
- Install a walking path around the reserve